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Romulus may get thoroughbred racetrack *Mayor Lambert opposes proposal*

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They have Metro airport, the deep injection well, and now it appears Romulus may soon be home to a new thoroughbred racetrack.

Magna Entertainment Corp, the nation's leading operator of thoroughbred tracks hopes to build a new racing facility in Romulus near I-94. An application has been submitted through a subsidiary of Magna, Michigan Racing.

The track will feature live and simulcast betting, and three tracks, a 1 1/8-mile thoroughbred dirt track, a 1 mile turf track and a 7/8-mile harness track.

Project coordinators believe that Michigan has conditions necessary to host such a racing facility, including horse owners and breeders who have expressed an interest in working with the company in the development of the new racetrack.

Annette Bacola, Michigan's racing commissioner thinks the track will be a huge asset to Michigan racing. "It would be a world-class facility and catapult Michigan into being a world class racing state," Bacola said.

Romulus officials have yet to be officially notified about plans to build the track. Originally, the project had been considered for Salem Township. However, most of the elected officials in Salem and many of the residents

opposed the development of the track in their community.

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert said representatives of Magna met with him last Thursday to talk about their plans. When they left, they informed Lambert they would be applying for their gaming license. City zoning officials will have to approve a zoning change for the new complex.

Lambert isn't happy about the proposed project and what it could mean for Romulus. He has questions about how Magna sprung the track on Romulus at the last moment. "I don't appreciate the fact that they came to us at the last minute. They brought it to us late after they were turned down in Salem, and the next day had a story in

the Detroit News about their proposal," Lambert said.

He is greatly concerned about the effect the track could have on new developments springing up in the area that the track will be built. New World Centre is slated for the area, along with other retail and business entities. "That entire area is proposed for new development, and I'm concerned about the type of element it will bring to the city," said Lambert.

The city has endured their share of projects that have turned out to be burdens at time. Metro Airport is situated right in the center of the community. The Pinnacle project caused controversy, and the deep well injection proposal had the residents in an uproar.

"Enough is enough, if I have anything to say about it, this won't happen," said Lambert.

Randolph Gear, council member and Mayor Pro Tem clearly taken by surprise by the last minute announcement indicated that he would have to look at the plans more closely. However, noting the increased tax revenues it would bring to the city, Gear stated that he saw no problem with it. "It sounds nice. We had that area set aside for office space, but we have a lot of space over there. If it could generate some revenue for the city, I wouldn't have a problem with it," he said.

Michigan did have a thoroughbred track in Livonia at one time. Lad-

broke DRC closed at the end of its 1998 season due to decreased attendance when casinos opened in Canada and Detroit. Legislation would not allow the tracks to have on site slot machines, leaving them uncompetitive with the casinos.

The proposed track still has to go through normal procedures to find final approval, including public hearings allowing members of the community to voice their concerns or issues. The Romulus Zoning Board will have to rezone the proposed site to meet specific zoning standards for the track. Plans will then have to be submitted to the Planning Commission for approval before the proposal can come before the Mayor and council.

Former council resolution tossed

Members split 4-3 on paying Eureka paving bill

By BRENDA GRACIN
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Romulus has, at best, has a "we've got to live with them" attitude about Detroit Metro Airport. Disagreements with Wayne County in the past has left a bad taste in the mouth of several Romulus city council members, so much so, that at the last council meeting, three of them refused to give their vote to approve paying the \$500,000 bill for the Eureka Road paving project.

Reading from a resolution passed previously, William Wadsworth declared that the council had, in passing that resolution, agreed to no longer pay for any access road to or from the airport.

The resolution number 92-399 reads as follows: "Whereas it is the wish of the city council that the Eureka Road Connector project and all other future access roads to the airport be funded by State and Federal transportation funds at no expense to the City of Romulus."

Several residents addressed council asking them not to approve the bill. Jack Kramer told council that he has been a resident for 43 years, and the problem with the airport should have been solved a long time ago.

"We said we weren't going to pay this, now we are," said Kramer. "That road is under the control of the county, they could close it tomorrow if they wanted to."

Further Kramer had deep concerns about possible blackmail threats by the county as far as working with Romulus in the future.

"As for Wayne County being our friend, if we have to work with them under the threat of them pulling out of other projects, then they are not our friends. If you don't have the backbone to do this job then you shouldn't have asked for it," said Kramer while

addressing the council and Mayor Alan Lambert.

Kramer's comments were due to several council members stating that not paying the bill could cause the County to pull back from further road improvements within the city.

"If we do not pay this bill, then I'm afraid that when we need work on the many Wayne County roads that pass through the City of Romulus, we're not going to get it," said Councilman Prybyla.

"This is nothing new to the county," said Kramer. "We said we weren't going to pay for it, and the County puts the road in any way. They decided they needed an access road to get into the south side of McNamara Terminal and they went for it."

Kramer also stressed that the subdivision had to live with the conditions as they were for 25 years until the new terminal went in.

Councilwoman Debbie Romak told residents attending that the issue was bigger than Eureka Road. Unhappy with Wayne County's attention to the lost tax revenue's to the city due to airport expansion, and unpaid legal fees, Romak wasn't eager to enter into another agreement with the county.

"If using this as leverage to get the county's attention as a whole on so many issues affecting our city and the citizens, I cannot and will not support this agreement," said Romak. "If not paying this half a million dollar contract finally gets the county to take notice and address the issues that we have, then sobeit," she said.

Romak stressed using TIFA money that could be used to provide streetscapes and lighting for residents of south end neighborhoods would be a better use for the funds.

Charles Miller, councilman also objected to council approval of payment. Stressing that there has not been a spirit of cooperation with the county or air-

port for years.

"I'm not willing at this time to cooperate with someone who has said continually that they are willing to cooperate with us, and has shown otherwise," said Miller.

"I'm not in favor of the Eureka Road project, I'm not in favor of paying for this with TIFA funds because everyone knows that eventually it comes out of our pockets," he said.

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert urged the council to approve the payment, citing that he would like Romulus to get along with the new County Executive who will take office in Wayne County come November.

"We should show in good faith that we would work with Mr. Ficano, I have faith he will work with us," said Lambert.

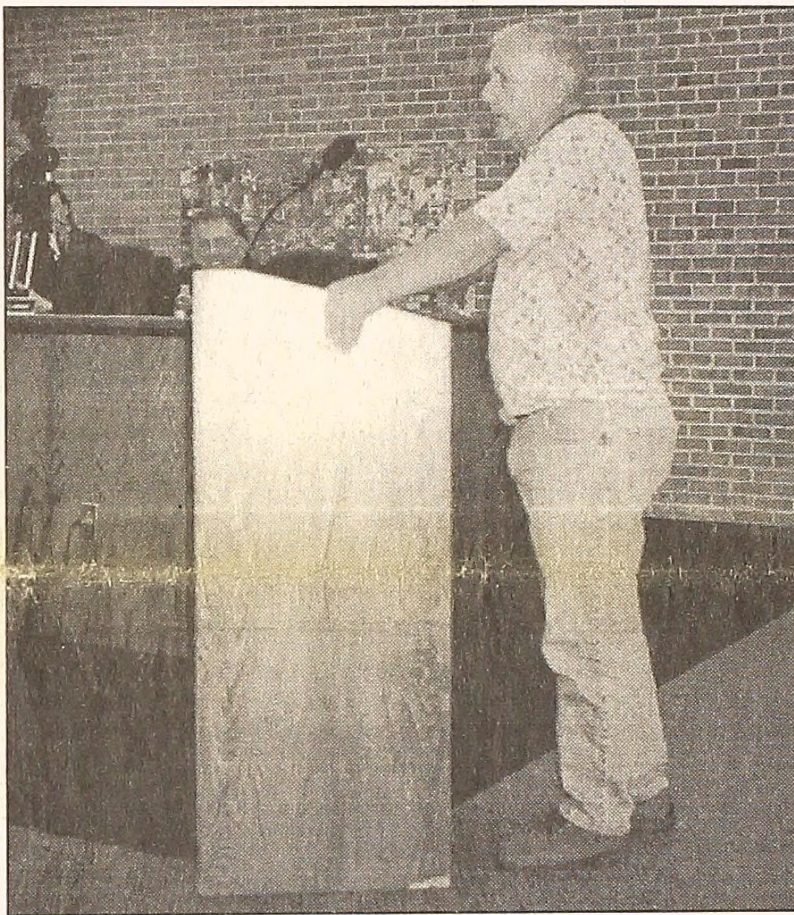
Randolph Gear, Mayor pro tem in giving his reasons for supporting the payment told residents that although many do not like the treatment they have received by the airport, that its presence in Romulus is a fact and that it is not going to go away.

"I don't like paying this money out, but we have to," said Gear. "Sometimes you just have to weigh it out and say what is the best for the betterment of the population."

Ed Buczkowski, resident, told council that the road only benefits the airport. "The money you are spending should be used to benefit the citizens of this city. You guys are talking about paying for a road that already puts the burden on the homeowners," said Buczkowski.

"I have to agree with Mr. Wadsworth, what they are asking for now is just plain blackmail," he said.

In spite of what appeared to be more residents against payment of the Eureka paving bill, council voted 4-3 to pay the bill. Money will be taken from the TIFA funds to the tune of \$100,000 a year for five years.



Romulus resident Jack Kramer tells council he is against paying the \$500,000 paving bill presented to the city by Wayne County for their share of the Eureka Road paving project. Earlier council resolutions had denied payment for access roads to the airport. "We said we weren't going to pay this, now we are," said Kramer. "That road is under control of the county, they could close it tomorrow if they wanted to." Residents also objected to what they deem blackmail by the county as to future cooperation.

Romulus blueprint for the future

The face of Romulus is about to receive a professional makeover. For the first time in 12 years, the city will engage in the process of creating a Master Plan, a document that maps out existing city conditions such as land use, transportation, housing and natural features, then charts out a unifying future for these conditions. Ultimately, Master Plans impact the look, movement and growth of a city.

"Creating a Master Plan is an interactive process," said Cynthia Lyon, Romulus City Planner. "It's a collaboration between our citizens, the Romulus Planning Commission, elected officials and the master plan contractor we've chosen." Following a lengthy and detailed interview and selection process, Langworthy Strader LeBlanc and Associates was chosen as the company responsible for assisting the city in updating the Romulus Master Plan. LSL has produced nearly 100 Master Plans for communities throughout Michigan, including Grand Rapids, Port Huron, Harper Woods, Lansing and Ypsilanti.

The Master Plan will look at a number of factors and conditions including five major existing or planned developments in the city of Romulus. These existing or planned developments include the downtown area, Metro World Centre, a segment of Merriman Road, Eureka Road at I-275 and, of course, Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

"We want to manage the growth and development of the city in a

manner that's consistent with its character," said Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert. "Public workshops and Planning Commission meetings that are open to the public will help us to better determine the character of the city and incorporate it into the look and feel of the city."

Before a draft of the updated Master Plan document is created, the public is invited to review recommendations and provide comment throughout the updating process at public hearings. "It is important that our citizens understand and take advantage of their important role in the developmental process of this plan," said Lambert. "Their ideas will influence the future of our city."

Meetings and updates on the progress of the city's new Master Plan will be posted on the Romulus cable access TV channel and the city's new website (www.romulus-gov.com) once it goes live in late September. Updates on the status of the Master Plan process will be available from the Planning Department. Information is also free to the public through the Economic Development Department's table, located next to the hospitality table at this year's Pumpkin Festival.

The process of creating a Master Plan takes approximately 12 months to complete. For more information on the City of Romulus Master Plan, please call Cynthia Lyon, Romulus City Planner at (734) 229-0691.

Visitor to Romulus gets "shock" of his life

By BRENDA GRACIN
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If anyone could wager a bet and win it would be that Brandon Sarvis of Carleton Michigan wouldn't ever again climb a utility pole to retrieve anything, let alone a pair of shoes.

The 20-year-old male, visiting a friend Jeremiah Justice of Romulus discovered that live poles pack a terrifying punch last Friday after being electrocuted while attempting to retrieve his friend's shoes that were hanging from the wires.

According to Justice, at approximately 3:40 a.m., several men who jumped from a green Taurus and started beating on him accosted him. He then told Detective Mike Smith of the Romulus Police Department that they took his shoes, tied the laces together and threw them up on the wire.

After the men left, Sarvis climbed the pole to get the shoes for Justice. After reaching the top, Sarvis held onto one cable while trying to walk on another to get the shoes. Justice states that he was about 100 feet from the pole when he saw Sarvis light up and fall.

Another witness near the scene at the time told officers, "I saw him light up and fall."

After the fall, Justice loaded Sarvis into the car and took him to Annapolis Hospital. Upon arrival the hospital found no pulse and no respirations. After reviving the victim, Annapolis sent Sarvis to the University of Michigan Burn Center.

It is reported that the victim has second and third degree burns on seventy to eighty percent of his body. The hospital also reported possible internal injuries due to the 40-foot fall.

The incident occurred in the hotel district near Merriman Road on Lisa Street at Wickham

Student chosen to attend Washington leadership conference

"The leaders of tomorrow meeting the leaders of today."

Leslie Dailey, Jr. has been selected as a potential leader of tomorrow and will head to Washington to attend the National Young Leaders Conference in October.

High school juniors and seniors were invited to apply, and were selected according to academic promise and leadership potential. Dailey had to acquire educator and alumni recommendations in conjunction with school officials. He also had to have a B plus average or higher to qualify.

The program offers talented young people the opportunity to attend congressional sessions, mingle with lawmakers, and experience first hand United States government in action. "This program gives high school students the opportunity to see democracy at work," said Dailey. "It is a chance for students to see what the government is like outside of the classroom."



Employees Honored

The Romulus School Board welcomed back district employees with the annual "Years of Service" award breakfast on Monday, August 26. Superintendent Joel R. Carr addressed returning and new teachers at the event. Board of Education members Billy McCraight, Betty Lenossi, Cheryl Buckley and Ken Mientkiewicz were on hand to congratulate and pass out awards to the honored employees. Pictured: District Director of Technology Linda Cook, 2nd from right, was honored for her 35 years of service by Ed Clark, Director of Human Relations, also pictured: Billy McCraight, board president, Cheryl Buckley, board secretary, Ken Mientkiewicz, board trustee, and Betty Lenossi, board vice president. Carr in addressing the group pointed out many of the summer improvement projects including the new seating and carpeting at the Sr. High, the new elementary school windows at Barth, Halecreek and Wick, and the near completion of the Sr. High swimming pool complex.

CRIME

Former Becket priest allegedly molested 14-year-old Canton boy

One of four Detroit diocese fathers accused by Duggan

By IVAN HELFMAN
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Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan announced multiple charges of criminal sexual conduct against four men who previously served as priests in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

On May 3, 2002, the Archdiocese of Detroit turned over to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office allegations of sexual abuse made against 37 priests of incidents which allegedly occurred in Wayne County in the last 15 years. It was determined that 10 of the priests were deceased.

After a 4-month investigation,

the Prosecutor's Office has now filed criminal sexual conduct 1st and/or 2nd degree charges against four priests. 15 other priests would have been charged were it not for the statute of limitations.

The four priests and the charges filed against them are as follows:

- 1) Harry Benjamin, 60, currently residing in Virginia, has been charged with 4 counts of criminal sexual conduct 2nd degree for allegedly sexually assaulting a 14-year-old who belonged to St. Thomas A'Becket Parish in Canton.
- 2) Robert Burkholder, 82, currently residing in Hawaii, has been charged with 2 counts of criminal

sexual conduct 2nd degree for allegedly sexually assaulting a 13-year-old boy who belonged to St. Roberts Parish in Redford.

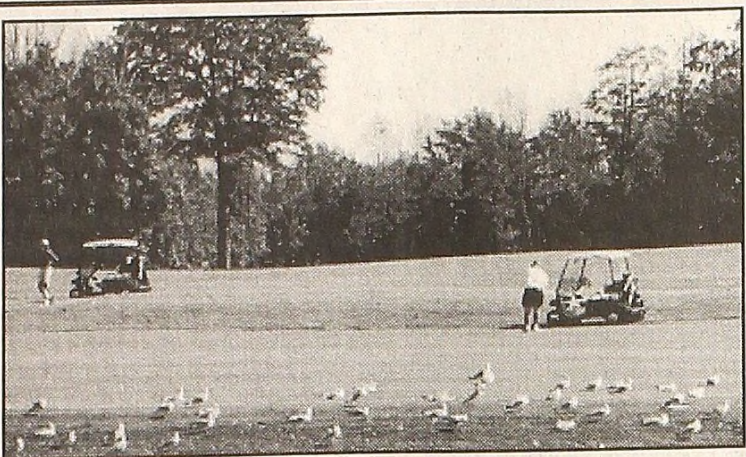
3) Edward Oleszewski, 67, currently residing in Florida, has been charged with 8 counts of criminal sexual conduct 1st degree for allegedly sexually assaulting an 11-year-old boy in St. Cecilia's Parish in Detroit.

4) Jason E. Sigler, 64, currently residing in New Mexico, has been charged with 4 counts of criminal sexual conduct 1st degree and 4 counts of criminal sexual conduct 2nd degree for allegedly sexually assaulting a 12-year-old boy in the boy's families' home in

River Rouge, and a number of other places.

Prosecutor Duggan is asking individuals to come forward with any incidences of misconduct by a current or former priest. Most important are incidences that occurred in the 1980s and 1990s, as those cases and individuals may still be subject to prosecution.

It is critical that individuals who believe they may have been the victim of a sexual assault by a member of the clergy of any denomination to contact either their local police department, or the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office at 313-224-5655.



Fowl Play

What's fair for the goose is generally fair for the gander. But that proverb is not for the birds in Canton. While residents can be cited, prosecuted, fined, and jailed for providing food and shelter for water fowl and seagulls, officials said that the township government will not be contacted about the seagull infestation at Pheasant Run Golf Course, above. "I don't know if the ordinance is applicable," said Canton Building Department Director John Weir, who enforces the ordinance. Photo by Ivan Helfman

Driver who hit Westland rollerblader not charged

The van driver, who ran into a young girl on rollerblades and then left the accident scene, skated away from criminal culpability.

After a thorough investigation by Canton Police, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office decided not to prosecute the driver, a 34-year-old Farmington Hills man, in connection with the Aug. 19 pedestrian accident at Cherry Hill and Haggerty roads.

The driver hit a 12-year-old Westland girl as she skated across Cherry Hill Road with friends, also on rollerblades.

The girl and her friends had been skating south on Haggerty while the Farmington Hills man drove his 1993 Ford van east on Cherry Hill.

In the collision, the girl suffered a wound that required 10 stitches and a possible fracture of her right elbow.

Canton investigators contacted the Farmington Hills man shortly after accident.

He told police that the girl skated into his lane and that he swerved to avoid hitting her.

He said he stopped a short distance later and looked through his rear view mirror at the girls skating away.

Not believing he hit the girl, he drove away.

While he was not charged for running into the girl, Canton police cited him for driving without insurance.

Impaired driver convicted

A 21-year-old Canton man will be sentenced Sept. 4 in connection with the October 2001 death of Daniel Gibbons.

Justin Todd Morningstar could face up to 15 years in prison after being convicted of felony impaired driving Aug. 16.

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Kim Worthy will sentence Morningstar at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Gibbons, 21, of Canton, was a passenger in Morningstar's 1993 Ford Taurus on Oct. 3, 2001.

The vehicle was westbound on Ann Arbor Road at about 1:30 a.m. when Morningstar lost control. The Taurus crossed the eastbound lane of Ann Arbor Road, hit a tree and rolled over near Joy Road.

Both men were transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Gibbons later died of his injuries.

The Canton Police Department's Accident Investigation Team was instrumental in helping convict Morningstar. Team members reconstructed the accident and provided key testimony in the case. In more than 150 cases, the Accident Investigation Team has helped secure guilty verdicts in all but one case.

Trial date set

Accused of allegedly assaulting a Westland ordinance officer, who had warned her about her cluttered yard, activist Judy McKinney will stand trial on Oct. 7 at 8:30 a.m. in 35th District Court.

McKinney, who denied the charges arising from the March 15 incident, said she believes that the ticket was payback for her political activism. "I feel the city is picking on me," she said.

Police ticketed McKinney for allegedly grabbing the ordinance officer's camera

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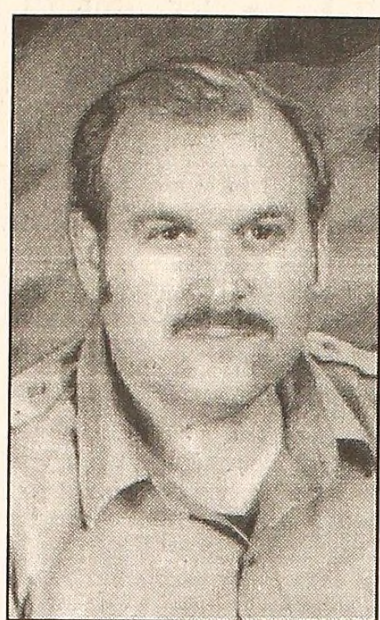
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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WAYNE

Window on Wayne

Potawatomi Indians had claimed this land as home



Richard L. Story

Long before the first white man stepped on soil that was later to be known as Wayne, the Potawatomi Indians had claimed this land as their home.

Using birch bark canoes to negotiate the clear waters of the Rouge River which also was the source of their food and walking along the Sauk Trail, better known today as Michigan Avenue, the Potawatomi lived, prospered and raised families here for generations.

The hunt for food was an ongoing venture. Nature was their friend; the white man, they felt, wasn't.

The Potawatomis would travel to Wyandotte for council meetings around a fire to discuss their mutual concerns with other neighboring tribes.

Treaties of 1785, 1795, and 1807 required that native Indians give up their lands and move West. Those who didn't want to move were prohibited to live inside the Villages.

The Tonquish Creek in Nankin Township at the Warren Road and Wayne Road area saw battle between Indians and the settlers of the area in 1820. To the white man, the Potawatomi Indians had become a nuisance. They interrupted the lives of the settlers. According to some reports, some of the Indians

begged for food and when refused, they stole it.

Chief Tonquish led at least one raid on the local settlers. The Indians stole a loaf of bread from a settler who then retaliated and was slain. Army Major Macomb then led a raid on the Indians. The white settlers apparently were able to track down the Indians but found the Indians prepared. A battle ensued and the Indians apparently surrendered.

According to one story, Chief Tonquish's son lunged at Major Macomb who then fatally wounded the boy. The Chief then tried to subdue the major but he, too, was slain.

There are some fascinating accounts of the period, and a trip to the local library will help those interested in finding out more about the life of those times.

In 1837, someone dug up some of the artifacts of the battle between the Indians and the local settlers, and those artifacts also have been preserved.

The Potawatomis are remembered as a hard-working, nature-loving people whose hunting skills and creative work with birch are unsurpassed even to this day. They also are credited with creating the game of lacrosse.

That's all for now. See you next week.

Junior Miss deadline is set for Sept. 12

The Wayne-Westland Junior Miss organization announced this week that Sept. 12 has been established as the deadline for applying to take part in its annual program.

The program will be staged on Nov. 23 and held at Wayne Memorial High School.

The Wayne-Westland Junior Miss program is part of a nationwide endeavor to honor and reward the country's outstanding high school senior girls for their achievements, according to Pat Hermatz, the Ju-

nior Miss co-chair.

This year, the Wayne-Westland program hopes to award over \$12,000 in scholarships. The areas in which the participants are evaluated are interview, scholastic achievement, talent, physical fitness and poise.

Interested local young women who will be high school seniors in the upcoming school year can get information about entering the program by contacting Mrs. Hermatz at 721-5220 (work) or 728-6151 (home).

There is no entry fee to participate in the pageantry.

In addition to winning a scholarship, the young woman selected to be Wayne-Westland's Junior Miss will participate in the Michigan Junior Miss program which will be held in March, 2003, in the City of Alpena.

In the state program, she will participate for the opportunity to represent Michigan in the America's Junior Miss National Finals in Mobile, Alabama, in June.

This year, the state Junior Miss

who won the America's Junior Miss title received a \$50,000 scholarship to use at the college or university of her choice. Approximately \$5 million in college scholarships and awards is presented annually to participants at the local, state and national levels.

The America's Junior Miss program is sponsored nationally by Health South and Coca Cola. It also receives support from the City of Mobile, Mobile County and the State of Alabama.



All about bees

Children who attended the Wayne Public Library's summer reading program will be able to explain, "What's So Special About Bees?" Carol Tait's (above, at right) informative presentation had everyone buzzing. Youngsters learned about some of the special jobs bees have within their colony. Pictured above are three 'scout' bees. All participants learned about the mite infestation that is threatening the bee population in the United States. Also, every registered child had the opportunity to taste some goodies made with honey and they each made a real bees wax candle.

Arts & Crafts show date set for October

Wayne Senior Activity Center officials announced this week that they are hosting an Arts & Crafts show at 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Oct. 19 at 35000 Sims Avenue.

Crafters may rent a table for \$25, with electricity at no additional charge.

Space is limited and will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Telephone Lucy at 734-721-7460 for further information.

Refreshments will be available from the Wayne Golden Hour Club.

Residents also are invited to make new friends, renew old ac-

quaintances by joining the Wayne Golden Hour Club. Membership is available for those 50 and older. The club meets every Thursday at the Wayne Activity Center.

There is a potluck luncheon, business meetings, bingo and cards for those who are interested.

Aviation historian is keynote speaker

By TOM MOORADIAN
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An aviation historian-author is the keynote speaker at a program sponsored jointly by the Wayne Historical Society and the Wayne Public Library.

John Bluthe, who has focused his attention on aviation specifically and landing strips in the area, will discuss his favorite topics with the audience during a program to be held beginning at 8:45 p.m. on Tues., Sept. 10, at the Wayne Public Library.

Bluthe will talk on the History of Aviation. His book on the Stinson Aircraft Company is scheduled to hit the book shelves sometime this fall.

Bluthe also will discuss the several landing strips built in the area, especially during World War II to accommodate the aircraft that was being manufactured at Willow Run Airport to fight Nazi Germany.

The public is cordially invited to attend the program, which is free of charge.

For further information, please contact Carol A. Kelly, at 734-721-7832.

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF INKSTER

Kentucky honors local educator

A local Wayne-Westland Community School District educator was honored in Kentucky last week. Carolyn J. Graham Martin was named the recipient of two prestigious awards - the Kentucky Colonel Award, offered by Governor Paul Patton, and the Duchess of Paducah Award.

The awards were presented to Martin at a banquet held at the Washington Street Baptist Church in Paducah during the Lincoln High School Classes of 1965 and 1966 Reunion celebration.

Martin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Graham, of Rochester, New York. Martin is a graduate of Kentucky State University. She also earned a Bachelor of Science and a Masters in Science from Eastern Michigan University.

A retired teacher, Carolyn is the wife of the Rev. C. E. Martin, the former pastor of Middlebelt Baptist Church. She is the mother of two sons and has one grandchild.

Martin is a member of Palmer Road Baptist Church in Westland, serving as pianist and organist.

She is also active in the Women On Missions, a facilitator of Minister's Wives Support Group, a member of the Choir of the Greater Detroit Baptist Association, a volunteer musician and helper at the Hope Nursing Home in Westland. In addition Martin is an active member of the Top Ladies of Distinction and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



Carolyn J. Graham Martin



Attending the 50th gala birthday party for Ruth E. Williams (second, from left) Inkster Athletic Supervisor, were State Senator Chris Dingell (at right) and Allen Francois, campaign manager for Congressman John Dingell. The well-attended celebration in honor of Williams' accomplishments over the past 50 years was staged at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex where many of her family members, neighbors, co-workers and friends joined in making the 50th an unforgettable event. Photo by Theola Jones

Dedicated recreation official celebrates a special day

By THEOLA JONES
MCN Special Writer

The 50th year of a person's life is special. It means you have lived a half of century, and it calls for a special celebration. That is what the family of Ruth E. Williams, Inkster Athletic Supervisor, had in mind when they made plans for the happy occasion. The party was staged at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex.

Ruthie, as she is affectionately called, is well known and loved generally by the community and specifically by the youth of Inkster who she serves. And rightfully so. Williams is directly responsible for an array of recreational opportunities available to the residents of the city.

Williams began her career in recreation in Inkster at the tender age of 14, some 36 years ago, working in several classifications. Today she is the Athletic Supervisor.

Williams' accomplishments and contributions to the recreation program have not gone unnoticed. One by one friends and associates thanked her and lauded her for deeds performed beyond the call of duty for the children.

Co-worker Sandra French brought tears to the eyes of many in the audience as she remembered 'Auntie Ruthie'.

"She was the only person interested in the children living west of Middlebelt Road; she was the only person who went out of her way to see that we went on field trips, and attended athletic events in and out of the city.

And she cared for each of us and she continues to care and help the children who no one else takes the time to think about. I love Auntie Ruthie."

Williams received beautiful plaques, resolutions and certificates from the Inkster Goodfellows, IMPACT, from Governor John Engler, Inkster Mayor Hilliard L. Hampton, Jr., Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard, Congressman John Dingell, State Representative James Plakas and State Representative Derrick Hale, Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano and State Attorney General Jennifer Granholm.

She is the founder of Inkster Parents and Children Together (IMPACT) and Demby Youth Striving for Success. Her affiliations include the NAACP, the Michigan Parks and Recreation Association; Metro Detroit Amateur Softball Association; Southwest Metropolitan Recreation, Inkster Christians In Action; President of the Inkster Goodfellows, a member of Inkster Local Minority Female Business Enterprises; Greater Missionary Baptist Church, and the Chairperson of the Inkster Summerfest Committee.

Master of Ceremonies were capably handled by eldest nephew Jerry McCullough; other program participants included Ronald Matthews, Anyah McCullough, Kathy Haynes, Theola Jones, Yolanda Hankerson, Booker T. Dozier and Timothy Williams.

"I thank everyone for coming out to help me celebrate my 50th birthday and I thank you for your kind words," said Williams. "I only wish everyone would take time to think and try to help our youth, who are our leaders of tomorrow."

Local sorority elects new officers

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

A local sorority culminated a very productive year with the election of a new slate of officers to serve for the 2002-2003 season.

The Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Omega Chapter members elected Sarah Young as president; Joyce Phillips is the vice president, while Shirley Williams was named as the second vice president.

Other officers include: Carolyn Kimbrough, secretary; Ernestine Williams, corresponding secretary; Christine Murphy, financial secretary; Essie Williams, treasurer; Callie Allen, youth advisor, and Naomi James, editor.

The Gamma Phi Delta Conference was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, in the Fairlane Town Center and among local sorority members attending the conference were Joyce Phillips,

chapter president, along with Sarah Young, Carolyn Kimbrough, Ernestine Williams, and Christine Murphy, who served as a delegate.

Congratulations are in order to Omega Chapter members who were honored at the July conference. The honorees included Sarah Young, named a "Living Pearl," one of the highest tributes and honors bestowed upon a sorority members by one of the organizations. Ernestine Williams was installed in the Silver Circle for her contribution to the Gamma Phi Delta Sorority National Foundation and Shirley Williams became a Heritage member.

Omega Chapter members returned home refreshed with their new theme in mind. The theme is "Reaching Back While Moving Forward." The sorority also took part in the "Parade of Banners" at the Michigan State Fair.

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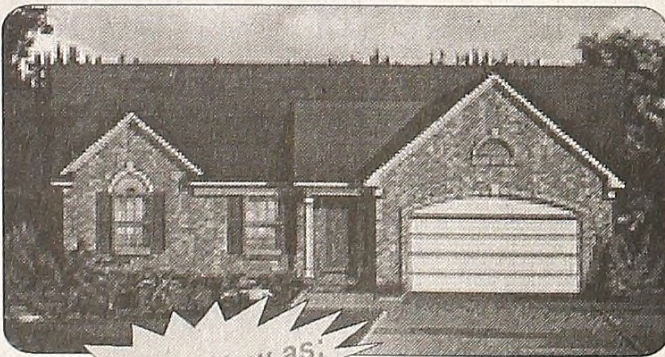
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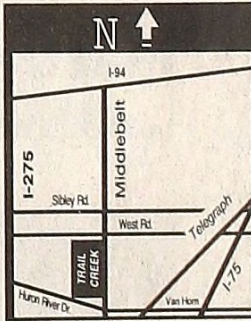
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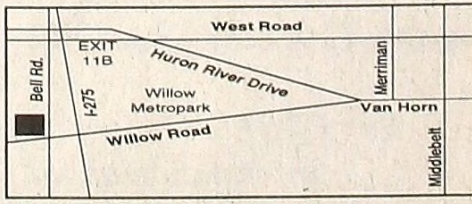


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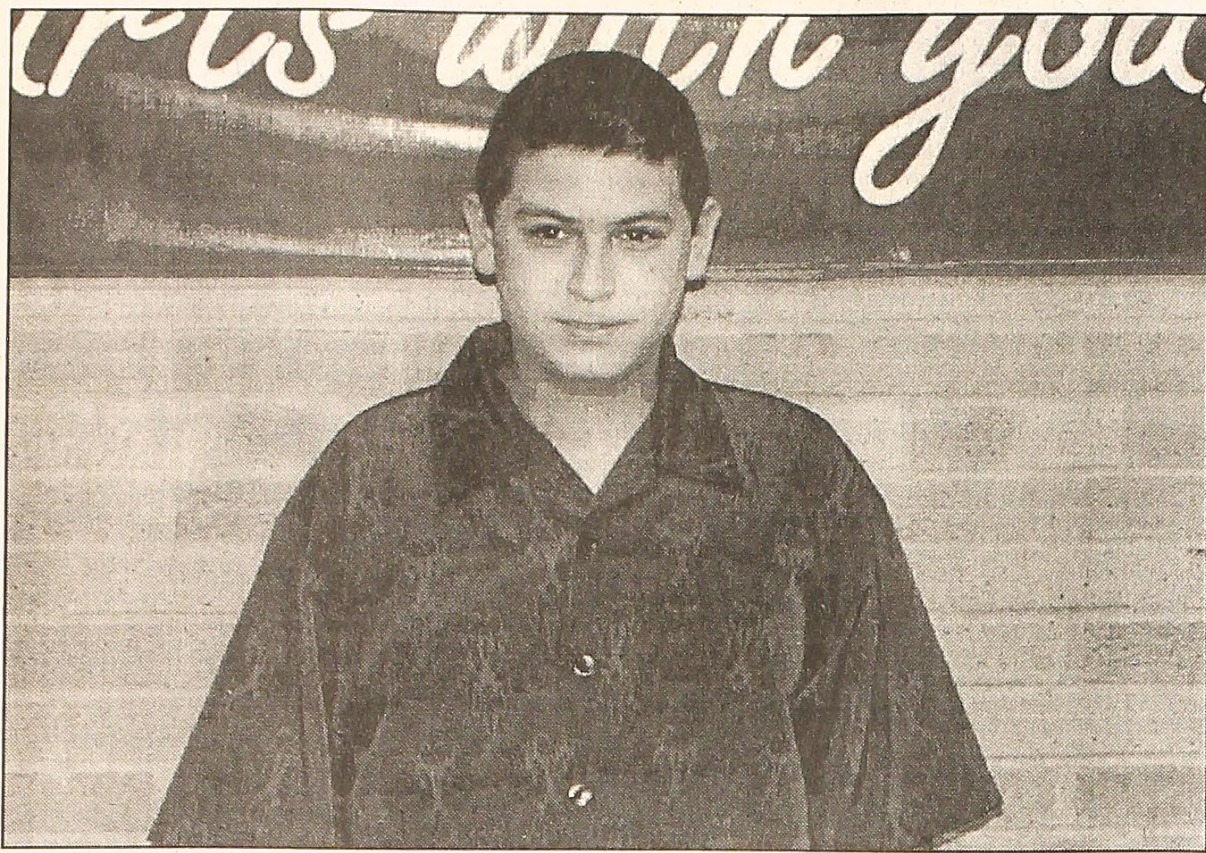


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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF ROMULUS



Jonathan McLachlan traveled to the British Isles this summer.

Jonathan McLachlan travels to the British Isles

Jonathan McLachlan, a Romulus High School freshman, got the experience of a lifetime this summer traveling to Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England with the prestigious People to People Student Ambassador group. He traveled from July 3-23rd with 37 students from Michigan and California and got to spend time with families in Pembroke, Wales and a suburban community of Dublin, Ireland.

McLachlan first had to successfully go through a rigorous interview process in order to become certified by People to People and gain eligibility for the trip. He then had 6 months of meetings to learn what to expect of the people, food and customs and also complete a report about one aspect of the geography, economy or culture found in the British Isles.

McLachlan reported that, "I was lucky enough to spend my birthday (July 4th) in London where we got to talk to a Member of Parliament about their system of government. Our dinner was the best birthday dinner in my life, at the Planet Hollywood in the middle of the West End

entertainment district." He also got to visit the Tower of London where he learned about all the people killed at the scaffold and take pictures of Buckingham Palace.

Additional trip highlights included:

- Toured castles (Cardiff, Pembroke, Conwy and Edinburgh)
- Stayed with a Welsh family for 4 days
- Went to school with the children in his "family"
- Toured Dublin and learned about the city's Viking heritage.
- Went kayaking on a beautiful lake in eastern Ireland.
- Got his passport stamped at Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerych wryndrobiaantysiliogogoch, Wales
- Learned about Welsh slate miners.
- Studied Welsh language.
- Putted on the putting green at St. Andrews.
- Tried haggis (beef cooked inside a lamb's stomach) for the first time.
- Learned about the justice system of the 1600's.
- Rode on the London Eye, which is the largest ferris wheel in the world.
- Visited an old Irish jail, saw torture

chambers while escorted by a prison guard who treated him like a prisoner in the "days of olde".

- Stayed in college housing while in London.
- Visited a Waterford Crystal factory.

The People to People Program was founded in the late 1950's by President Dwight Eisenhower. Eisenhower recognized how vital it is for young people to learn the importance of promoting friendship and understanding among people of all countries. Student ambassadors experience personal growth through an enriching program of educational and cultural interaction. They also develop increased levels of maturity, independence and leadership skills.

McLachlan concluded that, "I now appreciate the liberties and freedoms that I have being an American citizen. I was exposed to the life that other people in our global community live" and "will have a better knowledge of how our global community operates". He wished to thank his parents, Theresa and Robert McLachlan for their support of this unique educational opportunity.

Armed robbery suspects arraigned
Bond set at quarter mil for one

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Staff Writer

Reshard Dobbins and Perlina Coward have met up with Romulus Police and Judge Brian Oakley of the 34th District Court. Dobbins, a habitual offender in the system, and Coward were both arraigned Friday in Oakley's courtroom on several charges.

Dobbins is charged with armed robbery, extortion, felony firearm, felon in possession of a firearm and habitual offender. Oakley set bond for Dobbins at a quarter of a million dollars due to his habitual status.

Coward was arraigned on armed robbery and felony firearm. Bail has been set for her at \$25,000.

Both were apprehended by the Romulus Police after an incident in-

volving each and victim Kenneth Bryant in which the duo attempted to rob Bryant and extort more money from him on the threat of death.

Bryant had gone with Coward to legitimately sell a handgun he owned. Arriving at 6445 Gloria Street, Bryant was robbed at gunpoint by Dobbins who had been waiting for their arrival. Taking \$1,100 from Bryant, and 2 handguns, Bryant was ordered to get \$10,000 more in cash and bring it to Dobbins and Coward the next day or they would kill him. Bryant was told to place the money in the mailbox when he returned.

The victim was then released, at which time he contacted Romulus police and reported the incident, giving officers a description of the suspects. Officers Jamie Garcia and

Rick St. Andre went to the scene where they arrested Dobbins. Coward was found at a Van Buren Township home in the Parkwood Apartments.

Further investigation led to the search warrants being obtained for the residence and for a room in which Coward had been staying at the Metro Inn. Upon search, officers found numerous guns, money, narcotics paraphernalia and narcotics. In Dobbins's residence, officers discovered a makeshift gun range in the basement where weapons had been fired.

Both suspects face a preliminary exam before Judge Oakley for fact finding. If Oakley finds facts to support the charges, Dobbins and Coward will be bound over the Wayne County courts for trial.

Possible vigilante
shooting being
investigated

Romulus police were dispatched to the area of Wayne and Bibbens after a reported shooting on Sunday, August 25, at approximately 7:00 p.m.

The victim, a black male, age 23 years, had been shot in the shoulder. Statements given to police indicate that a gray Ford Taurus occupied by four subjects approached the victim. After a conversation, the driver of the vehicle exited and began shooting. After several shots were fired, one hit the victim in the shoulder. He was taken to Annapolis Hospital where he was treated and released.

The victim claims he didn't know the subjects or why they would want to shoot him. However, statements by a family in Inkster indicate that an 11-year-old rape victim had identified the victim as having been the man who assaulted her. Inkster police are investigating the possible CSC and the connections to the victim of the Romulus shooting.

Anyone with information on the shooting is asked to contact Sgt. Jeffrey Keefer of the Romulus Police Department at 941-8400.



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OBITUARIES

CONNER JR., JAMES W., 59, of Dearborn Hts. (born in Detroit to Mamie and James Conner Sr.), passed away August 2. He leaves to mourn his passing Carolyn; his son James Conner III; his brother Ronald; seven sisters; family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with the Chapel Minister officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded.

DAWSON, AVA DORIS, 91, of Westland, passed away August 22. Dearest wife of the late Paul M. Dawson. Loving mother of John (the late Donna) Dawson and Jane (Marty) Justice. Beloved grandmother of Denise Ayers, Thomas Dawson, Paul Justice, and Chris Justice. Also survived by many great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Dr. Robert Schultz officiating. Interment followed at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to St. Michael Lutheran.

FOGARTY, JAMES RUSSELL, 67, of Canton, passed away August 18. Loving husband of Iva Fogarty. Dearest father of James Patrick (Cheryl) Fogarty, Colleen (Bill) Quintal, Sheryl Fogarty, and Tim (Laura) Fogarty. Dear step-father of Connie (Elgin) Davis, Lissa (Earl) Franklin, Stephen Goss, Geoffrey (Doris) Goss, and the late Linda Zapata. Beloved brother of Melvin D. Fogarty and William G. Fogarty. Funeral services were held at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Wayne with Dr. Robert Schultz officiating. Interment followed at Glen Eden cemetery in Livonia. Funeral arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

FRANKLIN, LEROY, 83, of Inkster (born in High Point, NC to Boyce and Bessie Edward), passed away July 22. He leaves to cherish his memories his loving companion of 37 years Geneva; his children Larue and Nicole; his step-children Rhonda, Cassandra, Anthony, and Wylean; his favorite pastor Rev. W. W. Goode; his grandchildren; one great-grandchild; family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Willie W. Goode officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded.

HALES JR., WILLIAM THOMAS, 50, of Belleville, passed away August 22. Beloved husband of Veronica L. (Newsom) Hales. Dearest father of Ann (Mel) Karfis of Novi, William T. (Crystal) Hales III of Brownstown, Thomas J. Hales of Southgate, Tanya Slifco of Wayne, and James O'Bryan of Willis. Dear son of William T. and Marvel (Sweet) Hales of Dearborn. Loved brother of Hubert Hales of Dearborn, David (Judy) Hales of Canton and Suzanne (Phil) Delaney of Dearborn Hts. Beloved grandfather of Ashley Slifco and Tyler Slifco. Preceded in death by his brother Robert Hales. Mr. Hales was employed at the General Motors Powertrain Plant. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Frank Howard officiating. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the Living Rock Church Building Fund in Romulus.

HALL, DEAN A., 87, of Westland, passed away August 19. Loving husband of Josephine Hall. Beloved father of Richard (Monica) Hall and Gerald (Nancy) Hall. Dearest brother of the late Glenn Hall, Ione Fabro, and the late Lois Rudeck. Loved grandfather of Richelle Hall and Jerri Hall. Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne with Father Jack Baker officiating. Interment followed at Southern Michigan Services in Livonia. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

HARRISON, MICHAEL J., 56, of garden City, passed away August 21. Beloved father of Veronica (John) Lempea, Michael, Colton, and Tommy. Dearest son of Whilhelmina and the late Michael Harrison. Loving brother of Ann Jara and Mary Nevin. Dear grandfather of Liz, Trisha and J.J. Lempea. Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne with Father Jack

Baker officiated. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland. Memorial donations can be made in his honor to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements were made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne.

JOHNSON, WARDELL, 73, of Inkster (born in Braxton, MS to Charlie and Mary Johnson), passed away July 23. He was a faithful groundskeeper for People Community Baptist Church and Thomas Gist Academy in Inkster. He also owned a candy store and Laundromat. He loved to garden hunt and fish. His wife preceded him in death. He leaves to cherish his memory and legacy of love his children Juanita, Roberta, Shirley, Pearlana, Diane, Alfria, Wardell Jr., Gregory, Jimmy, and Howard; twenty-three grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren; family and friends.

JONES, MARY L., 80, of Inkster (born in Puducah, KY to Lonnie and Louella Toran), passed away July 16. She loved to play cards and bowl. She was also a long time member of the PHA Order of Eastern Stars. She leaves to mourn and cherish her memory her brother Leo, her niece Arletta, cousins, family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Elder Ron P. Springer officiating. Interment followed at Knollwood Memorial Park.

LONG, GWENDOLYN P., 57, of Inkster (born in Brewton, AL to Louise and Jessie W. Long), passed away July 26. She was employed at the University of Michigan Department of Pathology for 32 years. She leaves to cherish her memory her stepmother Catherine, six sisters, four brothers, four step-brothers, her special friend Jimmy Burge, family and friends. Funeral arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at Christ Temple Apostolic Church with Elder Paul green officiating. Interment followed at Knollwood Memorial Park.

MATTHEWS, HERMAN, 50, of Ypsilanti (born to Flora and Major Frank Matthews), passed away July 29. He leaves behind to mourn his passing his wife Windy; his mother Flora; his daughters Shavonne, Carmen, and Amanda; five sisters; two brothers; family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Brother Terrance R. McClain officiating.

MAYLE, ROBERT A., 40, of Wayne,

passed away August 15. Dear husband of Sandra. Dearest father of Jennifer. Beloved son of Carol and Rich Holman. Loving brother of Les, Glen, and Marcia. Funeral services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne with Rev. Vanderbeek officiating.

MOORE, BARRY EUGENE, 45, of Wayne passed away August 21 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Loving husband of Elizabeth Moore. Beloved father of Benjamin Moore and Adam Moore. Dearest son of Alma Fay Moore. Funeral arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at First United Methodist Church in Wayne with Rev. David Stewart officiating. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to the National Kidney Foundation.

PENDER, VIRGINIA LOUISE, 87, of Westland, passed away August 21. Loving mother of Shirley (Jerry) Patrick, Robert (Yvonne) Thomas, Gary (Laurie) Elliott, Susan (Terry) Earley, Sandy (Mike) Campbell, and the late Dan Thomas. Beloved sister of Donald Chamberlain and Verna Harris. Dearest mother-in-law of Ethie Thomas. Dear wife of the late Charles Pender. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. David Bevington. Interment followed at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

SINGLETON, REV. MOTHER MINNETTE, 75, of Inkster (born in Pearl, MS to Nathaniel and Ester Hobson), passed away August 5. She began her ministry at the Spiritual Israel Church of Detroit in 1949. She leaves to carry on her good works her husband of 54 years Bishop Singleton; her loving children Peggy, James, Brenda, Minette, Ora, Neil, Andrew, Timothy, Betsey, Irving, Aaron, and Joseph; thirty-eight grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; family and friends. Funeral services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Michael Oliver and Bishop Ellis Hare officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded.

SMITH, THERRON, 87, of Inkster (born in Pratlville, AL to Moten and Rose Smith), passed away July 2. He was retired from General Motors, after 20 years of dedicated service. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 55 years Cora; his son Johnny; his grandchildren Johnny and Crystal; three brothers; five sisters; family and friends. Funeral arrangements were made by Penn

Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at Amity Baptist Church with Rev. Anthony B. Eaddy officiating.

THOMAS JR., ESCO RALPH, 78, of Westland, passed away August 18. Loving father of Warren (Debbie) Esco and Connie Thomas. Dearest son of Grace Thomas and the late Esco Thomas. Dearest brother of Charlotte Brodbeck. Beloved grandfather of Robert Rodriguez, Lahna Thomas, and Ashleigh Thomas. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

THOMPSON, LUTHER, 81, of Inkster (born to English and Lily Thompson in Granite Quarry, NC), passed away July 18 in Farmington Hills. He was employed at Chrysler and Firestone after leaving the military service. He also was the owner and operator of Luther's Tire Shop, which he ran until his health failed. He leaves to cherish his memory his daughter Joann Knox; his step-daughters Terriol and Ann; sixteen grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; family and friends. Funeral arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster. Funeral services were held at Beverly House of God with Bishop Lovell Wooden officiating.

WILDER, ROOSEVELT, 71, of Inkster (born in Ocilla, GA to Thelma and John Daniel), passed away August 1. He served in the Korean War. He also played minor league baseball as a pitcher for the Inkster panthers and the Chicago White Sox. He was a faithful member of the Amity Baptist Church. He served the church as a deacon, a member of the Senior Choir, the Usher Board, and cooked for the church functions as well. He was a past Master of St. John Lodge #44 PHA F & AM as well as a past Worthy Matron. He leaves to mourn his passing his devoted wife of thirty years Mildred; his children Karen, John, Theresa, Valerie, Valeria, Donna, Sherlise, Faye, and Kevin; fifteen grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; family and friends. Funeral arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster. Funeral services were held at Amity Baptist Church with rev. Anthony Eaddy officiating. Interment followed at Knollwood Memorial Park.

WYPYCHA, NORMAN T. "GUNNY", 65, passed away August 18. Mr. Wypycha served in the U.S. marine Corp, where he obtained the nickname "Gunny" while serving as a Gunny Sergeant. While in Vietnam he was wounded, twice

receiving a Purple Heart, along with numerous other accommodations. He served two tours in Vietnam and was a career Marine with 21 years of service. In 1967 he was the Marine recruiter for the City of Wayne. He proudly shared his time as a lifetime member at VFW Bova Post 9885 of Westland, as a lifetime member of Vietnam Vets Chapter 387 and as a lifetime member of the Marine Corp League of Northville.

Beloved father of Toni (Oakley) Searls, Julie Wypycha (Tony), and Mike Wypycha. Proud grandfather of Anthony and Aleia. Dearest brother of Elaine (Nelson) Chapman. Dear son of the late Teofil and Anna Wypycha. Funeral services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home with rev. Rebecca A. Schrader officiating. He will be missed and appreciated by his family, friends, and a grateful nation.

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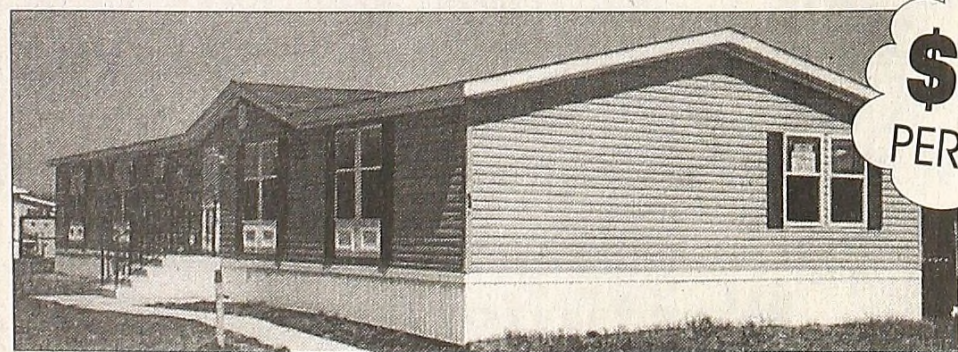
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ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Romulus Housing Commission has developed its FY 2003 Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It is available for review after September 5, 2002 at the Romulus Housing Commission Administrative Office, located at 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

In addition, a public hearing will be held on October 21, 2002 in the conference room at the Romulus Housing Commission Office located at 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited.

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP

Belleville historian passes

Bob Doane dies after long battle with cancer

Stephen Ministry classes offered

By BRENDA GRACIN
MCN Staff Writer

Known as the town historian, Robert Doane, better known as Bob by friends and family, died Saturday August 17 at his home in Belleville.

Having suffered through a long battle with cancer, Doane was found in his home Sunday morning by family members and police. Unable to reach him by phone, his family placed a call to the Belleville police to gain entry to his home.

Retired from the Ford Motor Company, Doane spent many years caring for his mother after his father died.

He had a love for genealogy and history. He had been proclaimed Belleville's Historian and was known the world over for the research and documentation of history and genealogy. Doane supported the Belleville Historical Society, both financially and through volunteer work. He was also a member of the National Genealogy Society, Society of Mayflower Decedents in Michigan, and the General Society of Mayflower Decedents.

Doane was also a member of the American Association for state and local history, the His-

torical Society of Michigan, the National Trust for Historical Preservation, and a member of the Belleville Moose Chapter.

He reprinted the book "The History of Van Buren Township" with Park E. Gregory.

Having been instrumental in getting flags placed at Hillside Cemetery, not a Memorial Day or Veteran's Day goes by without those flags being placed because of Doane's involvement. He was appointed to the Hillside Cemetery Committee in 1999. According to dear friend Kay Atkins, "Bob spent countless hours, days and weeks at Hillside finding and documenting grave sites. He was a veteran who loved his country."

Atkins writes that Bob do-

nated that the special markers on the graves of veterans and firefighters. He had purchased a small bench that he wanted placed at his family's gravesite, but was advised that it was too fragile and lightweight. "Maybe Bob, your family and friends in Belleville will place one as a memorial to you," said Atkins.

On August 30, city flags will fly at half-staff in memory and honor of Bob Doane, including the flag at Veteran's Memorial due to his service in the United States Marine Corp. A memorial service will be held that day at Hillside Cemetery at 3:00 p.m.

Memorial donations can be made to the cemetery's Perpetual Care Fund.

Sue Carpenter and Linda Maton of Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville, have been certified as Stephen Leaders.

Stephen Ministry began in 1975 under the direction of Dr. Kenneth C. Haugk, a pastor and clinical psychologist in St. Louis. The program was designed to train parishioners to help meet the needs of others in the congregation with one-on-one Christian care. Individuals who may be struggling with a crisis such as grief, divorce, loneliness, relocation, hospitalization, terminal illness or unemployment.

Due to the success of the program, Haugk founded Stephen Ministry, a caregiver group that includes over 100 denominations from all 50 states and 20 countries. Annually the Ministry will hold Leader's Training courses across the United States.

Through these courses, individuals are trained to become Stephen Ministers at which time they return to their churches certified to recruit, select and train other members to become part of the program.

Carpenter and Maton attended the 7-day course from Saturday, July 27 through August 4. They will begin using the training they received in order to train other members of Trinity's congregation to begin working one on one with those who need care. They will also oversee the supervision and continuing education of the new program.



Rolan Meadows to make debut

With plenty of open space, easy access to freeways, and retail businesses springing up, Van Buren Township is enjoying a new development boom. The new kid on the block, Rolan Meadows; a 60 units, single-family subdivision to be developed on 23 acres of land south of Tyler Road, west of Haggerty. The development will be built next to the Andover Farms subdivision.

The development wasn't without its critics in the early phases, and still raises questions with other homeowners in yet unfinished subdivisions like Belle Pointe. Those homeowners are still waiting for issues about street lighting, paving, retention ponds and unfinished homes to be addressed. While they fight to finish their sub, new developments are being built around them.

Andover Farms residents had questions with a previously proposed development as to storm water detention ponds. They were concerned with the present capacity of the pond, believing that surrounding areas, including their sub could be flooded when the pond was full. The homeowner's association retained a lawyer to represent them in the issue and others that concerned them.

Van Buren's Director of Planning and Economic Development, Bryce Kelley has indicated that those issues and concerns have now been addressed. At last months township meeting, Kelley informed residents that meetings had taken place between the developer, the township and the homeowner's association, which had resolved the problem. "Everyone was cooperative," said Kelley.

The developers of Rolan Meadows have agreed to make modifications to the storm water detention pond currently servicing Andover Farms to meet county and township requirements. Additionally, Edgemere Enterprises, the successor developer of Phase 1 and 2 has agreed to give land near the pond area to a private landowner, and will provide funds to the future homeowner's association of Rolan Meadows.

Also agreed to; the developer Bayfield Aspen Glen will improve the shared area by resetting gates and fencing. Van Buren Ventures, L.L.C, developers of Phase 3 have also agreed to provide funding to the homeowner's association.

The proposed development, yet to be reviewed by planning and the trustees, will feature such aesthetics as a 35 foot landscaped greenbelt with a berm along the subject site's Tyler Road frontage, complete with entrance sign to the sub. A two and a half foot landscaped berm will be built along the east property line adjacent to the Detroit Edison corridor.

The development will also have a common area, Rolan Park, which will be placed at the east end of the subdivision, enhancing the wetland area found there. The park will feature a five-foot woodchip path for walking.

Effective October 8, Comcast will make the changes detailed below in the channel lineup for the communities listed below. The changes will preserve vital network capacity and allow Comcast to introduce new services like High-Definition Television in the near future. Comcast is also pleased to introduce the Digital Sneak Preview channel on channel 8, which will give basic cable customers a free preview of the outstanding programming available on Comcast Digital Cable.

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In addition, the following networks will no longer be available on basic (analog) cable: Starz! (channel 70), Encore (channel 71), and Music Choice (channels 95, 96, 99). All of these networks are available on Comcast Digital Cable.

Be sure to read your next Comcast bill closely. It will include a new channel lineup that reflects these changes and includes more information. As always, you can reach a local Comcast customer account executive 24 hours a day at 1-888-COMCAST.

We Support Memorial Service

A few days from now we will be observing September 11- the one year anniversary of the most tragic day in American history with the possible exception of December 7. If Wayne Mayor Al Haidous has his way, many of us will be attending a City-sponsored memorial to remember the 4000 victims.

Despite rumblings that the City-sponsored gathering might violate the "separation of church and state" our Constitution demands, Mayor Haidous hopes to move forward. "I believe that this is only fitting and proper that we do this," the Mayor told City Council.

We would agree 100% with the Mayor. By the way, turn to the back page of this newspaper and you will see dozens of area businesses that offer their sympathy and prayers to the victims and their loved ones. These businesses believe in the American ideal and deserve your support.

Tom Brown- City's First Mayor

I was saddened to read about Tom Brown's passing in last week's Westland EAGLE. No one embodied the spirit of the community more than Mr. Brown, who served as the city's first mayor from 1966 to 1969, before he was successfully elected to the Michigan House of Representatives.

Later in life, Brown, who died at age 85, was President of the City Council from 1992 to 1994. We considered him a friend. He was a people's politician that could take criticism as well as praise.

Just this summer, Brown was joined by his large family, friends and associates as Mayor Sandra Cicirelli re-dedicated the city's largest park (Central) in the name of Thomas

Brown.

Current City Council President Charles Pickering said it best. "Westland will never have another Tom Brown. His lifelong commitment to our community will never be matched," said Pickering.

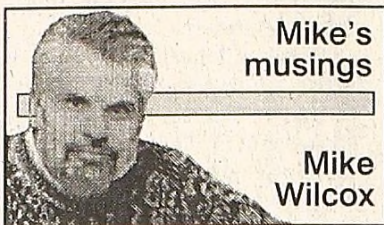
What's going on in Sumpter?

Last week I wrote about a businesswoman being harassed by the Township Supervisor; an injured cop being denied medical benefits he is owed; and a Board Meeting that was cancelled when board members were alerted to the fact that hundreds of people would be packing the township hall.

But the story gets worse. Last Tuesday the Board had its meeting and it was learned that the police department appears ill-equipped to handle day-to-day patrols. Cars are in disrepair, radios don't work and weapons are old and in need of maintenance. All this despite the good citizens of Sumpter approving a one-mill increase for police a couple of years ago.

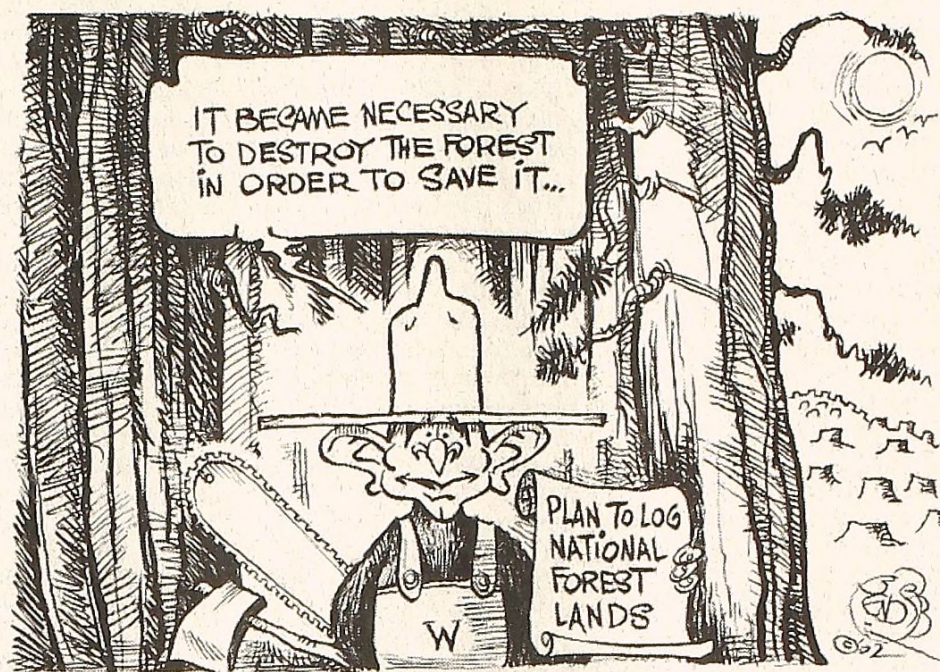
We also learned that one morning a couple of weeks ago, Supervisor Elmer Parraghi took the one and only good patrol car to downtown Detroit on a personal matter. That left the officer on duty without any means of transportation. Needless to say, Sumpter was without protection that morning.

I don't think it takes a rocket scientist to suggest that township officials need to clean up their act here.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



SMOKEY THE BUSH

Partnerships avoid scrutiny

If men are from Mars and women are from Venus, where do politicians come from? Another galaxy?

Judging by the language gap between plain folks and their rulers, the two groups must be light-years apart.

Example: when I hear the word "partnership," I think of Bonnie and Clyde or Hitler and Stalin. But mention the word to Wayne County Exec Ed McNamara or Gov. John Engler, and they think of Batman and Robin or Shaq and Kobe.

That's why I demurred when the departing county exec rushed into a lame-duck partnership with Gov. John Engler to form an unelected authority to snatch Metro Airport from Wayne County.

Partnership's sound so good and high-minded. According to my electronic dictionary, a partnership can be "a relationship between individuals or groups that is characterized by mutual cooperation and responsibility, as for the achievement of a specified goal."

Which is fine for individuals or groups or the nonprofit Westland Summer Festival, but not Koshier for government under our constitutional system of checks and balances.

The both the US and Michigan constitutions separate powers and

guarantee individual rights against power gone mad.

However, the formation of partnerships erases the checks and balances and the guarantees, replacing checks and balances with government by consensus.

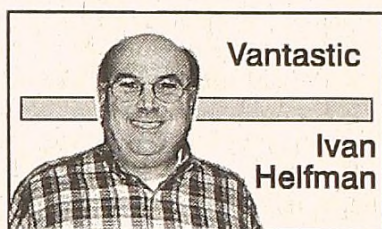
With control of Metro Airport in the hands of an authority quickly created and almost entirely appointed by two lame ducks, neither Romulus nor Wayne County has a much of a say, let alone a check, in a vital operation.

But as a resident of Canton, I not as threatened by the lame-duck airport partnership as I am by the spate of local partnerships created by my local government, my local school district, and their many hangers-on, such as the Youth Alliance, which seeks to help with township kids.

During their 40-year decline, Plymouth-Canton graduates can no longer compete on an equal footing with foreign students or home-schoolers in, at the least, math or engineering.

Had the checks and balances remained in place, the township board could have emulated other communities by fostering competition to reverse Plymouth-Canton's decline.

By siting another charter school



Vantastic

Ivan Helfman

to oblige the hundreds of pupils on Canton Charter Academy's waiting list, the township could have forced Plymouth-Canton schools to get out of the soccer, diversity, and "learning disability" business and back into the soccer and knowledge business.

Instead, last week the township threw a party to celebrate the schools.

A few days after the partners had finished licking each others' boots, I had the misfortune to read about two suicides and one suicide attempt by relatively young people cited in last week's Canton police reports.

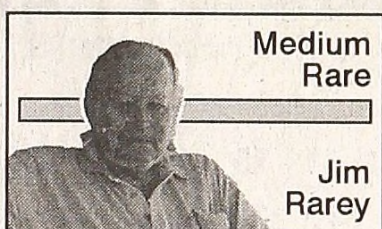
With too many youthful suicides, accidents and criminal sexual conduct allegations and two few students bound for MIT, perhaps Canton will consider acting as a check on the schools. At the least, the should consider delaying the next celebration of the schools until there is something to celebrate.

Union shames county commissioners

Once again Wayne County Commissioners have been shown to be unwilling to challenge County Executive Ed McNamara's arbitrary actions in providing sweetheart deals for appointees who will probably lose their highly paid jobs under a new administration.

McNamara had arbitrarily and unilaterally changed vacation, holiday and pension rules but only for his appointees. At a time when the county is struggling with many millions of dollars in budget deficits, McNamara didn't even give the commission an estimate of how much the changes would cost, claiming it would be "minimal." About the only complaint heard from the commissioners was that a cost estimate should have been furnished.

Under Michigan law, the governing body must approve all budgets of government entities before any money can be spent. In the county's case the commission is the governing body. This would also apply to any changes (increases) in the budget). Therefore the commission could prohibit (by resolution) any expenditures for the change in benefits at least until cost estimates are furnished



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

and an amended budget is approved. There has been no indication that the commission intends to take any action in this regard.

Of course this begs the question as to whether political appointees (and part-time elected officials) should get any taxpayer-funded retirement packages at all.

In an earlier column this writer had posed the question, "how and when did the County Executive get the authority to make unilateral changes to pension benefits?" Now a union representing county employees is challenging that authority pointing to a provision in its contract that no benefits can be given non-union county employees that are not offered to the union employees.

So far there has been no public reaction from the commission to the union's challenge. Of course the commission chairman, Ricardo Solomon, has been busy de-

fending alleged illegal "loans" to his election campaign fund in his unsuccessful run for County Executive. If the commission takes no action, the union may have to go to court with its challenge.

Some may be puzzled by the inaction of the county commissioners in the face of blatant violations by McNamara of state budgetary laws and union contracts. It is obvious to this writer that the commissioners are afraid they will have to defend their own ludicrous salaries and benefits if they challenge McNamara.

In a recent editorial the Detroit News suggested there is a tacit "understanding" between the commission and McNamara that neither will interfere with the budgetary actions of the other (and the taxpayers be damned?). This writer characterized the commission's inaction as, "passive facilitation" of the favoritism and corruption in the County Executive.

Perhaps we were both too kind. A better choice of words may have been "collusion."

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Just say no to bum taxes

I just heard about another new local government property tax scam they are trying to sneak through and I didn't even save the information.

I can't remember what this one is for, only that it is only going to raise my taxes about \$38. This of course is about the 38th time I have heard my taxes are being raised again and again and again. I am so numb to it, I just say no.

When see a bum on the street outside the new Ford Field Football Stadium, I don't listen to him. I just say no.

Michigan raised the sales tax, the cigarette taxes, and the gas tax. They collect Lotto money. And they still want more. Just say no.

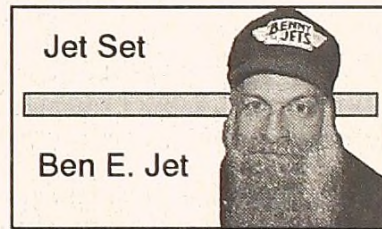
How about this groovy guys and gals? Find a partner and sing the song "The One That I Want" from the movie Grease on Sept. 9 at Johnny Rockets, located in the Fox Theater building in downtown Detroit. The couple combining the best '50s-era duds with the

most electrifying performance will get two tickets to Olivia Newton-John's Sept12 Fox Theater concert and two tickets to the stage production of Grease, Nov. 1-3 at the Fox. The winners will also get to attend a post-concert party with Olivia. To enter, call (313) 471-3383 by 5 p.m. Sept. 6th.

"Man on the Move" Gary Bulson wants everyone to know about Patriot's Day Celebration. The event, sponsored by the Westland Jaycees and Westland Parks and Recreation Department, will be Sept. 11th on the baseball diamond at the Bailey Center. Bring candles for a 9 p.m. candle lighting ceremony. Call (734) 721-1472 for more information. Michigan's Lt. Governor, Attorney General and many local dignitaries are expected to attend.

Heard from Dennis Gibson, whose kids go to the Inkster School for the Performing Arts.

Dennis loves our area's rich musical history: Jazz, Motown, and Rock and Roll.



Jet Set

Ben E. Jet

He finds it interesting that popular 1960s singer Jamie Coe owns a bar on Ford Road in Garden City, home to the top bands. Tuesdays, Brandon Taylor and Velkro. Wednesdays, Danny Harrington. Thursdays, Bridge. Fridays and Saturdays, Government Honey, 50 Cent Headrush, and Catzass. Sunday, Rusty Lunchbox, featuring female drummer of the year Tracy, and Benny and the Jets.

Dennis also thinks that if these bands could all get together, promote each other, find a new Dick Clark or a Barry Gordy, history could once again be made.

Call Ben E. Jet at (313) 730-1627 or surf to WWW.BENNYANDTHE-JETS.COM.

SOUND OFF EXTRA — (734) 729-4000 X 206

Would rather have life-saving equipment than a new TV in fire station

The person who pointed out the canopy recently purchased by Westland Parks and Rec was right.

I understand that each department has a budget and if the Parks and Recreation department feels it was a worthy purchase, they can return it when their budget runs short later in the year.

Notice too, the new appliances for Fire Station Two. Were they in need of replacement? Perhaps, but I'd rather have a new piece of lifesaving equipment than a new TV and dishwasher.

And while I'm at it, the fire chief should give up his pricey vehicle that is unmarked, no less.

Caller can sleep better knowing that he or she is not liked by Angela Todd

I can sleep much better at night now that I know I am not on the Angela Todd's list of "liked" people in Westland. [The list appeared in Letters from Our Readers, Aug. 29.]

She judges people by how they look, and that is very shallow.

As far as the "sexy, sexy" uniformed Westland police officers — that was disgusting. When I call a cop, I want an honest, hardworking, law-abiding officer, which most are. How well they look in their uniform is the last thing I care about.

Spare us your observations and rent yourself a video of the Village People if men in costume turns you on.

Caller wants a heads-up on previously mentioned Westland's million land sale

It is now the end of August. Somebody please ask, Has the money come through on the land deal that was supposed to net Westland in a million dollars?

You remember the "not done" deal that would balance Westland's budget?

Mayor, you led us to think it was money in the bank. Well is it or isn't it?

Person with revoke driver's license wants to get back behind wheel

I'm curious about a story about people who have had their driver's li-

censes revoked and been punished — a fine, jail — and are still expected to have a job and get back and forth to work, but can't.

We have to use public transportation.

I am a 12-year victim of a revoked driver's license. I ride a bicycle. I've been forced to work seasonal jobs. In the winter, I find it rough to live. I find that almost nobody cares.

I've been punished, sent to prison, yet you don't even write about it.

Paper 'makes nice blankets for the stinkin' derelicts that infest' Westland

I enjoy your paper. It is most suitable for wiping my sphincter and lin-

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Romulus school board member challenges parents to help kids learn

To the editor:

As a current trustee of the Romulus Board of Education, and having served for many years on previous boards in my native City of Romulus, I first would hike to acknowledge that is an honor and a privilege to serve.

I have a long history of association with the Romulus Community Schools. My two children and I graduated from Romulus High School, and we all attest to the fine education provided by the system. It is evident by their continued education at fine universities.

With the 2002-2003 school year upon us, let us challenge ourselves to make Romulus Schools the best in Wayne County. The taxpayers and parents of Romulus have given the school district the resources to build a new elementary school, new swimming pools at the high school and other amenities that are second to none.

I, as a trustee on the board, express my gratitude and thanks to the citizens of Romulus for their generosity and confidence. It shows the community's commitment to education and the will to provide the means for it to happen. I thank the community on behalf of our children.

In giving thanks, however, there is also an urgency and challenge to our parents and students to do their part. Parents we need your continued participation in the education of your children. We need your commitment to continue to challenge and get involved in this educational journey. We need your assistance with the discipline and moral upbringing that will only make our system better for all.

We must challenge our children to do more. It is our responsibility to see to it that our children are given the best opportunities for productive lives, and being able to make a contribution to society and this country. Ditto to "Let's leave no child behind."

I particularly challenge African-American parents, families, and caretakers, to rally and push for excellence. To those who are involved — much appreciation. To those who are not — your child needs you. Get involved, volunteer, challenge our boys and girls to be the best, for "we are nothing until the least of us are something."

Let's prove statistics wrong, that too many of our African-American males fall through the cracks by neglect. That trend (if true) can be reversed. Let us be the safety net for our children. "If it's to be it's up to me."

Romulus Schools has the best technology, teaching staff, support systems and programs a school could offer. Make the system work for us, us it to your advantage, embrace it, it's paid for. Let's start the school year off on a good foundation. With the right frame of mind, putting forth the effort and expecting a great return, yes this is a God. Our children are worth it and the community has paved the road for their success.

Are we up for that challenge?

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Woods
Romulus Board of
Education trustee

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ing the bottom of my parrot's cage, as well as wrapping dead fish, and makes nice blankets for the stinkin' homeless derelicts that infest this hick town.

Please keep up the illiterate, bottom of your high school journalism class, crappy reporting. It has a quite low brow entertaining and conical value!

Lowest Regards from your dope smokin', tree huggin', throwback 60s hippie freak reader, Jen E. Bet.

PS. There is a book you can buy. It's full of big, fancy words. It's called a dictionary. Say it "Dik-shen-air-E". Try one sometime!

Unlike Rep., Blackwell tells the truth, and the truth will set you free

I was reading a Sound Off suggesting siccing Bruce Patterson on candidate Mark Blackwell.

People ought to take off their blinders and see what a devastating effect the Republicans are having on the people of Michigan.

At least Mark Blackwell tells the truth and tells it like it is. If you want to believe all the hypocrisy and false gospel being preached by the Republicans, then I feel sorry for you.

Mark Blackwell does not raise dumb questions and his concerns are not trivial. He brings up valid facts, such as the seven percent pay increases for department heads who are earning over \$100,000 a year in a city with only 19,000 people.

Get real. Remember Shirley Powser? She told the truth, and the truth will set you free.

So if you believe Bruce Patterson and all his Republican friends, go for it. You deserved him.

Boosters cry doomsday when they need money for 'token pet projects'

Now, more than any other time in Westland's history, what goes on at city hall is being exposed.

Some things take time, but bit by bit bad decisions always come back to haunt us.

Where is the priority list for this city?

One person says things are great, yet when they want more money, we are told it's doomsday. There is no cash to properly pave roads or fill potholes, but there is always money for token pet projects.

Westland gives away real estate, which is one of the last sound investments, and then acts all shocked when the same land is developed for hundreds of thousands of dollars in profits.

It will long to get out of the incinerator contract as it took to get in it

To the person who wants a plan from Councilwoman Graunstadt [Sound Off Extra, Aug. 29]: number one. you need to remember that citizen Cheryl Graunstadt warned Westland not to get involved in 1994. That alone says a lot about where her concerns lie.

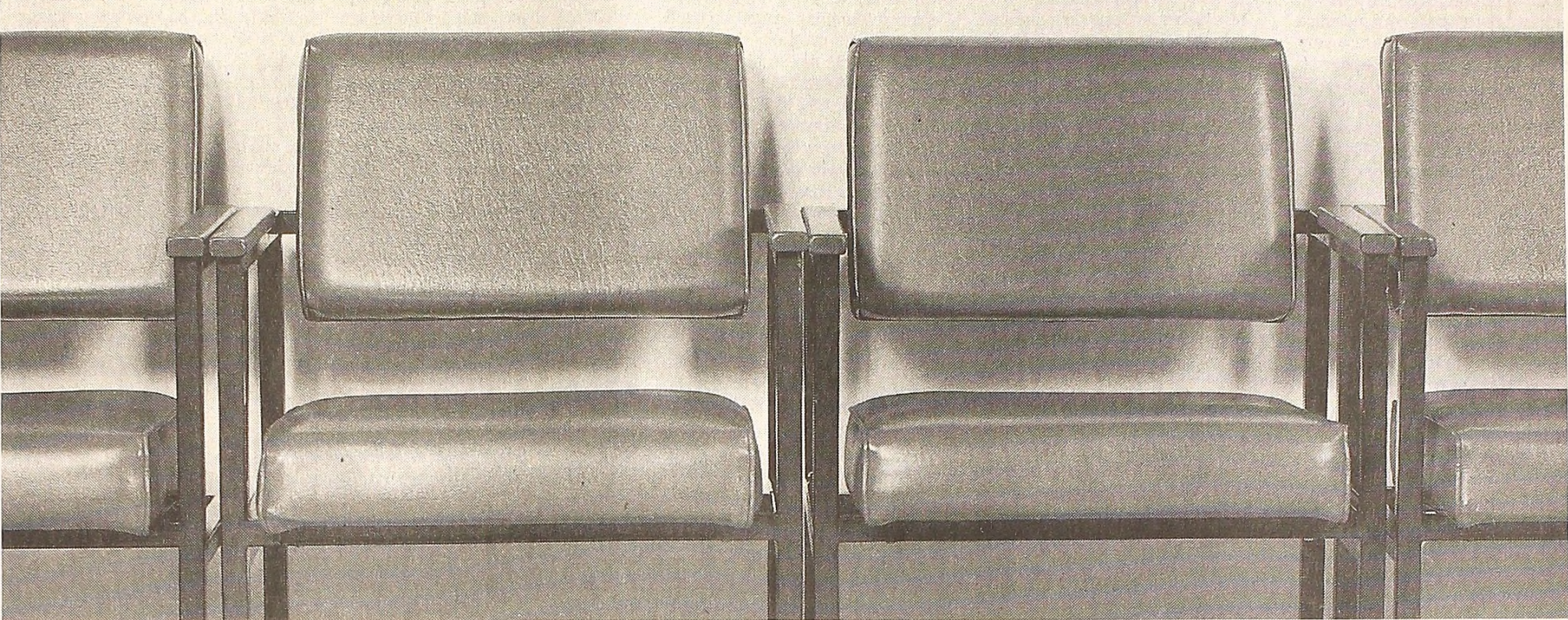
I suspect that a disgruntled former council candidate is behind the pesky remarks, but that's fine, the voters made their choices quite clear.

I think it is important to remember that it will be a complicated legal decision to get out of the incinerator deal, just as it was to get into it.

And yes, legal minds were consulted and it wasn't for free either. Westland paid for Plante & Moran to crunch numbers, and the other cities had their own meetings. It did not get started overnight and it won't end overnight either.

Perhaps you are content with keeping this costly issue in the closet and blindly supporting more taxes for it, but I'm not.

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Shame on Angie Todd for insulting Westland’s finest folks

To the editor:

I'd like to respond to some of the statements made by Angela Frances Todd in her most recent letter to the editor.

She states that she does "not care about the issues of any politician in this city." That appears to be pretty clear, but she should.

She goes on to insult Glenn Anderson for being overweight and refers to him as the "coach of confectionery" for tossing candy to kids watching the parade. Then says "Thank God that Sandra Cicirelli has more class than those council members and she always looks nice. Even in casual dress."

Shame on you Angie! Haven't you ever heard the saying about judging a book by its cover? You are a very judgmental person. Glenn Anderson has always been willing to listen to what the people have to say. I believe he takes into account how the people feel about issues and how his votes will impact those very people he serves.

While I agree with you that Mayor Cicirelli always dresses nice, that illusion of looks good doesn't necessarily mean she is good for the community as their mayor. I've heard people refer to her as "Hollywood Sandy." Gee, I wonder what that means. Perhaps you and she could drive to California

together and get a job making movies. I'm sure the voters would vote yes to a gas allowance from the city pumps to see you both off and on your way. Oh, I forgot. Hollywood only wants the best actresses who have the look of perfection and are believable in their roles. After all, isn't that what sells at the box office?

Your reference "hicks and rubes" directed towards Mrs. Seber was another example of your being judgmental. Mrs. Seber is well respected in Westland, as is Glenn Anderson. I am sure that a great many citizens found your comments about them both insulting and infuriating. Both of these individuals are very committed to the betterment of Westland.

Mrs. Seber is a long time member of the Friendship Center and is the voice for many seniors who are too afraid to speak out publicly. Don't you ever wonder why a senior citizen would be afraid to speak out? You said in your letter that you like the senior resource director, yet do you even know of the many changes she has made since her appointment?

Lori Brist encountered a lot of critics when she was appointed the director, but she soon earned the trust and respect of the seniors. She did her best to keep politics out of their Friendship Center. Could it be because she worked for the seniors and

not against them? Think about that. You mentioned you like Judy McKinney. I like Judy too! And I personally find it hysterical that every time she goes to the Friendship Center, I believe that the current director has her followed.

You stated that you "still remain dedicated to the issues of health, education, culture, and human rights." You asked where are "the free thinkers?" I can tell you where some of them are Angie. They're attending city council meetings and questioning things that go on in your city. They're at council study sessions trying to get information on proposed projects before the city is over built with substandard planning. They're downtown Detroit researching candidate backers, taxes and property ownership records. They're researching pension plans, contracts and city paid perks. They're submitting FOIAs and paying fees to compile information. They're asking how tax dollars are being spent, or wasted, however one wants to see it. They're spending their time and money to educate themselves on all of these issues.

Your letter stated you "believe in education and the Hell with only knowing about local, inbred news." Perhaps you don't care about Westland and the citizens who live in it, but these people do.

They're trying their best to share information with the public at council meetings. Didn't you say "we must learn from others, not shut them out?" Perhaps the mayor, some council members and department heads would enjoy the citizens having as you put it a "redneck ignorance" mentality. The recent five-minute time limit on the consent calendar items by the council president, was imposed to limit how much information gets out. It speaks for itself when answers are evasive or not given at all. And I'm sure the free thinkers in Westland can see right through it.

The most recent council meeting

was a fine example with respect to the lot split for the Northview Manor Sub. The issues of ownership, overbuilding, potential flooding of residents and standing water were ignored by all but one councilwoman. I saw plenty of residents at that meeting that I deem to be free thinkers. People who bought homes there to raise their children in because of the lush woods behind their property. Woods that, some of them were told, would never be developed because the property was land locked. Free thinking residents spoke not about property values, but about flooding, standing water and the deadly West Nile Virus.

And while I'm on the topic of the Northview Manor Sub, I'd like to say that I thought Mr. Thompson took a beautiful side picture of Mrs. Swistak's home. Her home reminds me of a little cottage in the woods. Since her property is a corner lot that measures 90 feet on Hively and 300 feet on Schuman, I wonder if someone hasn't tried to force her out of her property over the past few years. After all, her property would be pretty valuable to a builder since it would allow for at least four new homes with Schuman addresses. For those people who have grown tired of hearing her complain about her landscape boulders being taken, her lilac bushes being torn down and her issues about police brutality, I hope that they can see a potentially bigger picture here. What about her rights? What about the rights of each property owner surrounding the property that was supposedly landlocked? What about the rights of those people who will be facing flooded basements and floating sewage because the storm and sewer lines will be overtaxed with new homes built there?

I personally find it sad that anyone would not consider these "political issues" worthy of being concerned with. And yes, this whole Northview Manor Sub issue is a political issue. It goes

right back to the concept of "who's who" in Westland, and if one knows the right people anything is possible, even if by hook or crook! But, that is my personal opinion. And I bet more people would become free thinkers and care if the development was going to be in their back yard.

During the recall, which is long over with, many free thinking residents did a great deal of research concerning the property in question. That research was very time consuming and costly to the group of citizens who participated in doing it. I can only hope that the keeper of all those documents would be gracious enough to make copies of that information available to the residents who may choose to legally fight the Northview Manor Sub development.

And to those residents who want to fight it, I suggest that you all band together for there is strength in numbers. Many people believe that land sale was illegal and the council majority (including the current mayor) voted yes for the sale to happen, even after the city attorney said council could not enter into such an agreement as per the city ordinance.

You commented "Westland, the polluters of air, ground, wetlands, waterways..." If you are so dedicated to the issues of health and human rights

Angie, then you should try hard to be a free thinker. Not a conformist with what may look or sound good today, yet be very harmful over the long term.

The incinerator is a fine example of that. Ask yourself why the mayor, a person you believe has such class, put herself on the incinerator board and not Councilwoman Graunstadt who knows so much more about it than the mayor. I'll bet the mayor, the council president and pro tem cringed when Mrs. Graunstadt told the citizens what the debt payment is really for. And I am so happy that the free thinking voters saw through the veil of deception they've been fed for so long.

If the environment is important to you, then pay attention dear because the environment is a highly political issue. Sometimes hearing the ugly truth enables us to prepare for a future flower bed rather than hearing some flowery lies that lead to a bed of weeds. And sometimes Angie, people don't look or act the way you think they should, but honesty is a virtue that some people have and others respect. And I have no doubt that many of the free thinking residents of Westland agree with me.

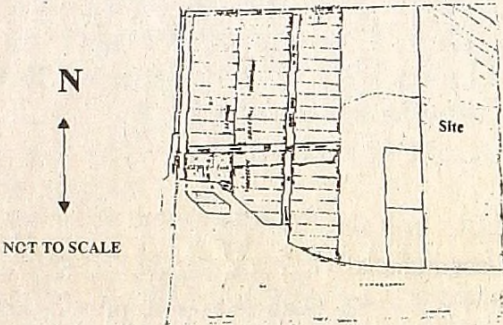
Sincerely,
Deborah Hessler-Davis
Bedford Township

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on Wednesday September 11, 2002 at 7.30 pm.

This Public Hearing relates to approximately 32 acres, parcel number V125-83-059-99-0001-002 otherwise known as 44700 North I-94 Expressway.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The subject site is zoned C-2 (Extensive Highway Business).

The applicant Walt Michal's is requesting special use approval to construct a 30,000 square foot detached service build, which is permitted in the current zoning district with special use approval per section 12.03 g. and 13.03.a of the Zoning Ordinance.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date. In the spirit of compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

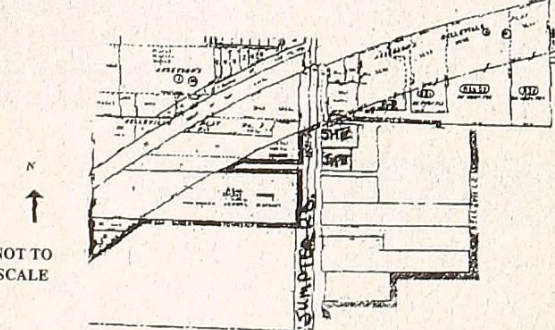
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This Public Hearing relates to approximately 0.60 acres, parcel numbers V125-83-106-99-0003-000, and V125-83-106-99-0002-000 otherwise known as 349 and 375 Sumpter Road.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The subject site is zoned C-1 (General Business).

The applicant is requesting special use approval to establish a modular home sales outlet for wholesale sales, which is permitted in the current zoning district with special use approval per section 12.03 g. of the Zoning Ordinance.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date. In the spirit of compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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CITY OF WAYNE
PUBLIC NOTICE OF
NUISANCE & HAZARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a nuisance and safety hazard existed, consisting of an unsecured door, declared by the Council to be dangerous to the welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Wayne, on the following property commonly known as 4309 Columbus, Tax I D No. 017-05-0022-000.

By order of the City Manager, the door of the home was secured on an emergency basis.

The costs to abate the hazard will be assessed to the owner of record.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

Publish: August 29, 2002

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF INKSTER, COUNTY OF WAYNE,
STATE OF MICHIGAN

ON
THE ADOPTION OF A BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE
CITY OF INKSTER PURSUANT TO AND IN
ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS
OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

Please take notice that public hearing shall be held before the City of Inkster City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2002 in the City Council Chamber located at 2025 Middlebelt Road, Inkster, Michigan, on the adoption of a Brownfield Plan for the City of Inkster, within which the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended. The description of the proposed brownfield property is:

Land situated in the City of Inkster, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, described as follows: **Various parcels of property within the neighborhood commonly known as the Carver Homes Subdivision the same located north of Annapolis Avenue and East of Middlebelt Road.**

A legal description of the property along with maps and a copy of the proposed Brownfield Plan are available for public inspection at the City of Inkster's City Clerk's Office, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan.

Public comments are invited. Please note that all aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Community Development Director, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 noon, September 25, 2002. Please reference "Proposed Brownfield Plan" on all correspondence.

The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable axiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) business days written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at (313) 563-3211.

Kimberly Turner
City Clerk

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EXHIBIT "C"
A. CITY OF ROMULUS
REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS
BID 02/03-23
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
COLLECTION CONTRACT

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, or by calling (734) 942-7564.
- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., September 17, 2002. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
BID 02/03-23 - HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
COLLECTION CONTRACT
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan

- (3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 08-12-02(2)
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE
6-2-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE REGULATIONS OF VAN
BUREN TO REVISE REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO
PERFORMANCE GUARANTIES

First Reading of Ordinance 08-12-02(2), Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, September 17, 2002 to be held in The Board Room, in the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92, as amended, of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Section 4.39 PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1.	Section 4.39	PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES	Amend
Section 2.	Section 4.39.a.	PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES	Amend
Section 3.	Section 4.39.b.	PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES	Amend
Section 4.	Section 4.39.c.	PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES	Add
Section 5.	Section 4.39.d.	PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES	Add
Section 6.	Section 4.39.e.	PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES	Add
Section 7.	Section 4.39.f.	PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES	Add
Section 8.	Section 4.39.A.	CONFLICTS	Add
Section 9.	Section 4.39.B.	SEVERABILITY	Add
Section 10.	Section 4.39.C.	EFFECTIVE DATE	Add
Effective Date			

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the _____ day of _____, 2002

YEAS: King, Payne, Budd, Herman, Jahr and Rochowiak.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Hart.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

Adopted:
Published: September 5, 2002
Effective:

The Big Bang: Glenn, Plymouth-Canton clash

Showdown may decide next champ

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Those who profess to know about our universe believe that somewhere in outer space billions of years ago, there was a "big bang" and the result was the creation of earth.

And, some who profess to know, believe there will also be a "big bang" Friday night, approximately at 7 p.m., at Westland John Glenn's Stadium where Glenn and Ply-

mouth-Canton will be on a collision course. The results, some believe, may create the next Western Lakes Conference football champ.

Maybe, and maybe not.

But both teams are picked to finish 1-2 in the conference this year. The outcome of Friday night's game may provide fans with an excellent indicator which of the two powerhouses it may be.

Canton Coach Tim Baechler and Glenn's Chuck Gordon are very conservative in their words about the upcoming battle. Both are coming off of excellent opening day victories. Baechler's Chiefs humbled Ann Arbor Pioneer, 10-0, while Gordon's Rockets shot down Detroit Kettering, 19-6, in their season's non-conference openers.

Baechler says that Glenn is a very talented football team, well-coached and defensively outstand-

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“I am very pleased with the performances of our defensive backs. They played an exceptional first game.”
Tim Baechler
Canton Coach

ing. Gordon says that Canton is a very talented football team, well-coached and defensively outstanding.

The two also will meet to decide which of the talented teams remains undefeated.

In the meantime, Pioneer tested Canton's aerial defenses and found them to be impregnable. Ann Arbor went to the air 22 times with little success after the Canton ground defenses stopped the Pio-

neer's running game. Pioneer had a total of 14 yards rushing and 108 passing.

Canton's defense also managed to recover three Pioneer fumbles. Two of those were credited to defensive tackle Chris Snider, while Franz Gatzke and James Karroll split the other two.

"I am very pleased with the performances of our defensive backs," stressed Baechler. "They played an exceptional first game."

Canton broke a scoreless first half when Anket Kachhal booted a 39-yard field goal late in the third period (1:27) to put the Chiefs on the scoreboard. The field goal was set up by Matt Perino's interception at the Canton 45 yard line.

On the first play from scrimmage, quarterback Dave Nicoloff handed off to Brandon Wilcox who bolted through the middle of the Pioneer line for 25 yards. But a subsequent holding penalty and a fourth and long situation led the Chiefs to decide on the field goal.

Canton got an insurance touchdown with 9:53 left in the game Wilcox scored from 16-yards out and Kachhal booted the extra point to round out the scoring.

Canton running back Reggie Joyner launched his senior year with a sterling opening game as he rushed for 127 yards in 19 at-

tempts. Wilcox also added 45 yards on nine tries.

But Baechler was not pleased with his team's turnovers. The Chiefs committed five of them, however, the defense managed to eliminate any possible Pioneer threat.

Gordon said that the victory over Kettering was a "good win" for his team.

"They beat us two years ago, so it was important that we get off to a good start."

Glenn got on the scoreboard late in the first quarter as senior quarterback Brian Ceckiewicz slipped off tackle on an option and raced into the Kettering end zone from 15 yards out. He managed to pull off the play on a fourth and four situation.

With Will Kennedy's successful
See **BANG**, page A-12

Inkster dominates own hoops tourney

If the rest of the high school girls' basketball world thought that riches would spoil Inkster and Coach Dave Mann and his talented Vikings, they were wrong.

The Vikings are rich in talent and in experience and, a year ago, they captured their first-ever girls' basketball title, the Mega-Red championship. The Vikings lost but one game a year ago and that was to the Class C state champ, Benedictine, in the finals of the district playoffs.

Last Tuesday, Mann and the Vikings launched the 2002 campaign on the home court, hosting an invitational that included natural rival, Dearborn Heights Robichaud, along with two prominent Detroit high schools - Redford and Pershing.

Despite a slow start in the first quarter against Coach Warren Wood's Bulldogs, Inkster dominated Robichaud 71-35, and went on to win the tournament title.

Overcoming a 15-12 first period deficit by outscoring Robichaud 25-10 in the second quarter, Inkster grabbed a 37-25 lead at the half. The Vikings lifted the suspense out of the game with a 20-4 third period as Mann emptied the bench in the stretch.

"It took us a little time to get started," said Mann afterward. "But once we gained the momentum, the kids didn't have any problems."

Carena Easley, who scored 10 of her team high 13 points in the second period, led the Vikings in scoring. Two other Inkster players hit in double-figures. Tiffany Smith scored 11 points, while Laetah Qawee added 10 for the Vikings who also sank nine of their 15 free throws.

Robichaud received an excellent all-around game from Mary Riley who tossed in a game high 14 points. LaDonna Nealy accounted for 13 points for the Bulldogs who canned six of 16 from the free throw line.

Inkster met Redford in the title game. Redford managed to squeak out a 50-47 victory over Detroit Pershing to reach the championship round.

Effectively utilizing a full-court press the first half, the Vikings held Redford to eight points in the first eight minutes, jumped out in front 23-8, and never looked back as Easley drilled seven of her nine points to ignite the team. At the halfway point, Inkster had a commanding 52-20 lead and Mann again indiscriminately shuffled his players into the game and won, 84-30. Qawee, a 5-8 senior forward, had an excellent game as she scored a game-high 21 points. Smith contributed 14 points, while Easley and Young each added nine.

However, the Vikings had their problems at the free throw line where they could only capitalize on six of 21 offerings. Redford scored on eight of 14 free throws, with only one, Lydia Bentley, scoring in dou-

See **INKSTER**, page A-12

Stevenson spoils Wayne's W-L debut



Wayne running back Andrew Parks (40) finds the door to Stevenson's goal open thanks to teammate Jack Turner's key blocking and scored from seven-yards out in the second quarter against visiting Livonia Stevenson on Thursday. The Spartans, considered a serious title contender in the Western Lakes, spoiled Wayne Memorial's debut in the conference by rallying to a 42-22 victory over Coach Floyd Carter's ball club. Photo by Carl Brown.

Zebras to host Western tonight

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

It wasn't that Wayne Memorial wasn't afforded opportunities to begin the Western Lakes Conference era with a victory - Coach Floyd Carter's Zebras briefly enjoyed leads of 3-0, 9-7, 22-21 - it was, in the final analysis, that Wayne's young and inexperienced ball club couldn't hold on against a superior and veteran-laden Livonia Stevenson.

Stevenson's Spartans scored 21 unanswered points beginning at the 11:04 maker of the third quarter and went on to spoil Wayne's and Coach Carter's debut in the Western Lakes Conference. (Wayne was affiliated with the Mega Conference for the past decade before accepting an invitation this year to compete in the W-L.)

"Call it first-game jitters. Call it the lack of varsity experience, call it whatever you want, but it was obvious Thursday night that we just didn't play well in that second half," said Carter. "We knew we were in for a battle, and it was one until midway in the third period. We didn't tackle well and our special teams didn't perform well and that all contributed to the loss."

It doesn't get any easier for the Zebras this week. They will host a pre-season conference title favorite, Walled Lake Western, Thursday night. Kickoff for Wayne's second conference game in as many weeks is at 7 p.m.

Western is coming off of an opening season loss to Belleville. Coach Bob LaPointe's Tigers chalked up a 33-14 victory over the Western Lakes Conference power.

"We scouted them Friday night and they (Western) do a lot of

Nice start Vikings win opener for new coach

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The Vikings could not have asked for a more prefect scenario or season opener in football.

With quarterback Brandon Dawson connecting on 15 of 30 passes for 357 yards and four touchdowns, and the defense as tough as 'gator skin, an inspired Inkster trounced Gibraltar Carlson, 29-0, on a sun-lit Friday afternoon to present first-year coach Craig James with a season-opening victory.

Dawson fired two touchdown passes of 15 and 35 yards to receiver Vic Morris and also teamed up with Dwayne Jones on a 49-yard score. He culminated his sterling

performance with a TD pass-run play with sophomore William Fulton, who sprinted 60-yards into the Carlson end zone.

James, a former Woodhaven High coach before he accepted the challenge of coaching Inkster, had nothing but praise for the team, but he was quick to caution "that one game doesn't make a season. It is just the beginning."

How true.

But what a beginning for a team usually the doormat of the Mega Conference.

And what a surprise for the Vikings fans who have been conditioned by years of losing on the gridiron to expect their team to lose.

The new coach said that he is

proud of the way the players handled themselves on and off the field.

"There was no show-boating. No strutting or bad-mouthing. In fact, the game officials came up to me after the game and commended the team for their sportsmanship," said James later.

James also commended assistant coach Glen Free for an exceptional job of preparing the team for the game. The assistant coach's name may be familiar to some of the older fans in the area - Free coached at Inkster High in the mid-1990's.

The Vikings got down to work early against the visiting Carlson

See **VIKINGS**, page A-12

False start Thurston shuts out Robichaud

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

It was a nightmare of an opener for any coach, let along a first year football coach.

Nine turnovers. Poor execution. And a defense that was on the field most of the time.

"We made a lot of first-game mistakes," said Mansfield Dinkins, after the Robichaud Bulldogs dropped a 34-0 decision to Redford Thurston in their Mega Conference debut on Friday. "But the mistakes are the kind that we can correct, with patience and time. These kids are young and as they mature, we're going to be all-right."

Thurston erupted for two first half touchdowns and scored 20 unanswered points in the second half to spoil Dinkins's debut as Robichaud's head football coach.

Dinkins has a total of four seniors, three of whom are in his

starting line-up. The nucleus of the 2002 team is made up of juniors and sophomores.

The young Bulldog offense, led by junior quarterback Mark Fletcher, could not move against the more experienced Thurston defense. Dinkins lost Fletcher in the second half to an injury and back-up QB, freshman Antonio Dinkins, the coach's son, was called upon to take over the team.

"Fletcher should be back in the line-up on Saturday when we play Muskegon," said Dinkins. "He was badly bruised in the fourth quarter, but he appears to have recovered."

Robichaud was scheduled to play cross-town rival, Dearborn Heights Annapolis, on Friday, however, Annapolis High School officials announced that they would not be fielding a team for the 2002 season. The open date was filled by Muskegon. The kick-off between the two non-conference opponents is 1:30 p.m. on Saturday in

Muskegon.

Dinkins stressed that despite the opening-day loss, he was impressed with the performance of running back Calvin Thomas, who rushed for 60 of the Bulldogs' total 140 yards. The first-year Robichaud coach also commended linebacker Jimmy Hall for his outstanding efforts on defense.

Hall finished the game with seven solo tackles and he also carded six assists. Teammate Renaldo Majors also recovered a fumble.

But nine turnovers proved fatal to the Bulldogs who never seriously threatened until late in the fourth quarter.

"You just can't commit nine turnovers we did against an experienced teams and hope to come out a winner. We need to work on eliminating our mistakes. We may have gotten off to a false start, but we will get back on track."

"We will win our share of games this season."



In a superb maneuver, Wayne Memorial's Tyrell Ford (30) reverses the field, outraces Stevenson's defense, and bolted down the sidelines for a dazzling 89-yard touchdown in the third period. The kickoff return was the longest TD run in Ford's high school career and sparked a Zebra rally that lifted them to a 22-21 lead. Unfortunately for Wayne, the Zebras' defense could not hang on as Wayne dropped its season and Western Lakes opener, 42-22, to Livonia Stevenson. Wayne will host Walled Lake Western tonight (Thursday) in its second conference game in as many weeks. Photo by Carl Brown.

Wayne

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down pass to move the visitors to the Wayne one-yard line where fullback Kevin Domingo crashed over for the score. The Spartans marched into the locker rooms with a 14-9 half-time lead.

McCowan widened the gap to 21-9 shortly after the second-half kickoff when he finished off Dave King's 64-yard kickoff return with a 15-yard touchdown run. The TD was posted at 11:04.

Wayne fought back.

Tyrell Ford got the ensuing kickoff and dashed toward the center, found space, and then bolted 89-yards for a touchdown, and when Odom's kick for the extra point split the uprights, Wayne was within five, 21-16, of erasing its deficit. The Zebras again managed to take the lead the next time they gained possession of the ball.

With 8:06 left in the third period, Lappan guided his team 75 yards in three plays. He combined with Ramon Kinloch on a 47-yard pass-run play for what proved to be their final TD of the game. Lappan's attempt for the two-point conversion fell short.

Kinloch's TD gave Wayne a slim 22-21 edge with 8:06 left in the third quarter.

Stevenson answered with McCowan's three-yard touchdown run with 4:49 left in the period which restored the lead (28-22) for good to the Spartans. Subsequent touchdowns by King, a 24-yard run, and McCowan, a two-yarder, sealed the victory for the Spartans. Parks led Wayne's ballcarriers. He had 40 yards on



Plowing through Livonia Stevenson's first line of defense, Wayne Memorial running back Dave Venegoni (21) is confronted by a rushing Stevenson defender, who is in the process of shaking off a block. The Spartan defender stops the Wayne ball carrier after a short gain. Stevenson also managed to come-from-behind three times Thursday night to hand Coach Floyd Carter's Zebras an opening season loss, 42-22. The Zebras will attempt to rebound tonight at 7 p.m. at the expense of Walled Lake Western. Photo by Carl Brown

nine attempts and one touchdown.

Lappan went to the air 23 times and completed six for a total of 63 yards. His favorite receiver was Kinloch, who caught

three passes, one for a TD.

Statistically, Stevenson dominated this game. They had a total of 14 first downs - 12 rushing, two via their passing game; Wayne garnered eight of which

five were passing first downs. They also received two via infractions.

The Spartans also had a total of 340-yards as compared to Wayne Memorial's 169

Vikings

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ball club. Inkster scored after an exchange of punts in the first period and was up 14-0 at half-time before going on to score two TDs in the third quarter to wrap up their first-ever Mega-Blue Division victory.

While Dawson was busy getting the Vikings on the scoreboard, the

defense frustrated Carlson on the ground and in the air as the Vikings were accredited with three interceptions. Two of those picks went to free safety Charles Jefferson, while linebacker Devon Wardlaw got the other. The Vikings' defensive line - Jones, Mychal Yarborough, Terry Willis and Roosevelt Sledge did not yield a first down to a Carlson ball carrier until the fourth quarter.

When Carlson went to the air,

the Vikings' secondary was ready.

Inkster will be seeking its second straight Blue Division victory Friday afternoon on the home turf when Willow Run pays them a visit. The Flyers are coming off of a loss to Melvindale, but James said that the Flyers possess two outstanding backs "that can give anyone problems."

"Carlson was a good win for us," said James. "We may have surprised a lot of people, but our op-

ponents also got the message. This is an Inkster team that is and will be ready to compete. Each week we must come to play."

James said that his ball club came away from the first game with the usual bumps and bruises, "but no serious injuries."

"We suit up 22 players, so we can't afford injuries. We do platoon a lot and I felt we did an exceptional job (of platooning) in the first game."

Twisters win No. 7 on forfeit

Currently, in the world of Minor-Pro football, the Michigan Twisters are considered the best "AA" minor-pro team in the Mid-West according to the Minor League Football News. And the American Football Association have the "AA" Twisters ranked 4th. in the nation, just a notch below three of the best "AAA" minor-pro teams in the United States. In order for the Twisters to retain these esteemed national rankings, they must continue defeating each opponent they face until the National Tournaments commence in early November.

They won their seventh straight when Ohio failed to put a team on the field.

Saturday, Sept. 7, the Twisters return home to Willow Run's Devlin Stadium to continue their drive to remain undefeated (7-0) when they clash with their cross city ri-

vals, the "revamped", Motor City Cougars (1-5).

"But don't let their record of (1-5) fool you, after losing their first 4 games, the Cougars have been joined by players from the now defunct Detroit Renegades. Our Twisters expect this Saturday's game against the Cougars to be a contest of epic proportion," stated Twister GM, Glenn Brothers.

The gates at Willow Run's Devlin Stadium open at 6 pm. with kickoff at 7 p.m. Devlin Stadium is located on Holmes Road between Spencer Lane and Midway Blvd., one block north of Michigan Avenue in Ypsilanti. Admission for adults is \$ 5, students 18 and under \$ 2, seniors 60 and older are free. Children 10 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Concessions are provided by the Willow Run Athletic Boosters.

Bang

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point-after, the Rockets enjoyed a 7-0 lead. They made it a 13-0 ball game early in the second quarter as Ceckiewicz culminated a 56-yard yard, three play drive with a scoring pass to split end DeAnthony Granberry

Kettering responded with its best series of the game as the Detroiters put together an 88-yard drive that ended with a two-yard

TD plunge.

The Westlanders wrapped up their scoring in the fourth quarter with a four-play, 30-yard series that tailback Tony Davis finished off. Davis scored his first of the year on a 28-yard run. he also was the Rockets' leading rusher in the opener. Davis piled up 129-yard yards on 17 attempts.

On defense, linebacker Nick Seymour seemed to be all over the field, while Davis also picked off a Kettering pass that ended a threat.

Inkster

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ble figures. Bentley finished with 16.

Mann's parents were in the audience of the Tuesday night game when Inkster visited Kalamazoo Central.

"Central has an excellent team and the game would be a good test for us," said Mann. "It

would also give my parents an opportunity to see our team play."

The Vikings will entertain Sterling Heights Stevenson tonight (Thursday) for their fourth out-of-conference game. Inkster isn't scheduled to begin the defense of its Mega-Red Conference title until September 26 when the Vikings play perennial title contender Belleville.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD AUGUST 5, 2002 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48714.

The scanning was called to under at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear

Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller, Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth

Excused: None

Absent: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Miller to approve the agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-283

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held July 22, 2002.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Abstain - Gear. Motion Carried.

02-284

4A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to send a communication requesting that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality schedule and hold all such public hearings on the Environmental Disposal Systems Part 111 operating license application that may be contemplated, permitted or authorized, pursuant to Part 111 and its administrative rules.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-285

4B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution welcoming the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America's 58th. quadrennial convention to be held August 11 - 14, 2002 in our community.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-286

4C. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to adopt a resolution acknowledging Kellie Knight as the state Teacher of the Year.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-287

4D. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Judith Renee Bonk.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson's Report.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-288

5A. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution in opposition to Governor Engler's veto of Statutory Revenue Sharing and demand a firm commitment from Senator Loren Bennett and Representative Raymond Basham to override the Governor's veto.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-289

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement and Offer to Purchase Real Estate and to grant authorization to execute a Quit Claim Deed with the Romulus Land Preservation Society on property located in the City of Romulus identified as tax parcels 80 066 99 007 000 and 80 066 99 0001000 commonly described as vacant land at the southwest corner of Wick and Shook roads.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-290

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to award Bid 02/03-01 Janitorial Supplies to the lowest bidder, Lower Huron Chemical. A copy in its entirety is on file in the City Clerk's office.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-291

5D. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to award Bid 02/03-02 Hot Bituminous Mixture "Hot Patch" to the lowest bidder Rey-Mart Asphalt Company.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-292

5E. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 02/03-03 as follows:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Law Enforcement Fund Expenditures				
267-000.00-970.600	Capital Outlay - State	62,284	7,000	69,284
Fund Balance		AVAILABLE	AMENDMENT	REMAINING BALANCE
Law Enforcement - State		260,624	7,000	253,625
To appropriate funds for the purchase of three police transceiver radios and related emergency equipment for unmarked vehicles.				

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5F. No action taken.

02-294

6AL Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to schedule an Executive Session on August 26, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. and on September 3, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending legal matters. Further, to schedule a Study Session on August 12, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing EPA regulations and storm water legislation. All sessions will be held in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-295

6A2a. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to grant autho-

rization on Demolition 02-1 to proceed with the demolition of the structures and clearing of debris unless proper repairs are completed and a final inspection is issued subject to conditions and within the time limits as stipulated at the Public Hearing.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-296

6A2b. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to grant authorization to let bids for the demolition of the structures and clearing of debris on the Demolition 02-1 list.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-297

8. Motion by Romak, supported by Miller to approve the second reading and final adoption of Zoning Amendment 1.182 introduced at the meeting of June 3, 2002.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - Crova, Prybyla. Motion Carried.

02-298

9A. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution that the City of Romulus is adamantly opposed to the issuance of a hazardous waste storage and treatment facility operating license for Chemical Analytics, Inc. because the City of Romulus has an excessive number of hazardous waste facilities in the City and the citizens have one of the largest incidence of cancer rates in the state.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-299

9B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to issue a No Fee Permit for Community United Methodist Church for a yard sale on August 8, 2002.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-300

10. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Gary Hemingway.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.
Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 5, 2002.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: August 22, 2002



Sports Winning duo

Jasmine Bennett (at left) and Amber Netter (at right) form a winning duo on Romulus High's varsity tennis squad. The two have teamed up in the No. 2 Doubles this season and have managed to help the Eagles post two consecutive victories. Romulus was moved up a notch to the Mega Blue Division after going 10-0 in the Mega-Gold for the past two seasons.

Schuette is back

Rockets edge Belleville, 43-42

Mike Schuette is back.

The popular Westland John Glenn's varsity basketball coach ended a three-year coaching hiatus by accepting the varsity girls' coaching job, and he has the Rockets heading in the right track. Glenn has won their first three games, including a cliffhanging, 43-42, thriller over perennial powerhouse, Belleville.

"I am glad to be back," said Schuette, in a telephone conversation on Monday. "I missed coaching here and when they invited me to take over the girls' basketball program I thought to myself that it's time."

And the Rockets are thankful. Behind Crystal Davis's 12 points and Jennifer Thawett's 11, Glenn posted its first-ever win over Coach Kevin Edwards' Tigers at Belleville. The two teams were even at 14 after the first period, but Belleville shot ahead to a nine point (28-19) lead at half-time as Tia Lewis and Lisa DeBuck sparked the rally.

In a cat-and-mouse third quarter, Glenn outscored Belleville 9-5 in that period, then went on to win it with a 15-9 fourth period.

DeBuck had an opportunity to win it in the final seconds when she was fouled going to the basket. She missed the pair of free throws and that clinched it for the Rockets. DeBuck finished the game with a game-high 14 points.

"We were horrendous from the field," said Edwards, whose teams made back-to-back appearances in 2001 and 2000 in the state quarterfinals. We missed 22 field goal attempts, and that isn't like us."

Edwards said that his team lost a lot of talent through graduation, and it will take time for his team to jell.

"We don't have the depth we have had in the past, but this is an excellent team that will give anyone a run for their money."

The Tigers traveled to Grosse Pointe on Tuesday and have a bye today (Thursday). On Tuesday, the Tigers will take on Rhonda McAllister's Eagles at Romulus High School.

PP&K competition nears

If you're planning to compete in the Punt, Pass & Kick competition in Wayne, better get your entry application down to the Parks and Recreation Department this week.

Recreation officials said that the popular contest will be conducted on Sept. 18.

The competition is opened to all boys and girls, ages 8 to 15, who will be competing in the basic football skills.

The contest will be staged at the Anderson Fields, located in Attwood Park.

Co-sponsored by the National Football League, the competition offers local winners the opportunity to advance and compete in regional and national finals. The finals are usually held during the half-time of the Super Bowl.

Wayne recreation officials point out that the times, dates and sites for the regional competition have not yet been announced.

For more information about the Punt, Pass & Kick Contest contact the Wayne Recreation Department by dialing 721-7400.

Coaches urged to report game scores

Local high school varsity girls basketball, cross country, golf and soccer coaches are urged to contact the Michigan Community Newspapers' Sports Desk during business hours on Thursdays and Fridays to report the results of their games.

Scores may be reported to the MCN Sports Desk from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Football coaches will be contact on Sunday, from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m., as has been the practice for the past 25 years.

If there are any questions, coaches are urged to contact MCN Staff Writer Tom Mooradian by dialing 734-729-4000.

Salem offense sputters in opener

South Lyon hands Rocks 21-7 loss

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Bogged down by poor executive and timing, mired in turnovers, Plymouth-Salem's machine on offense sputtered the first half and, when Coach Bob Cummings' Rocks finally got moving, it was too late to stop solid and versatile South Lyon ball club.

South Lyon struck for single touchdowns in the first two quarters, added a third in the fourth, en route to a 21-7 victory over Salem Friday night in the season's opener for both teams.

"We didn't play in that opening half, and the only explanation I can offer at this time is that it may have been first-game jitters," said Coach Bob Cummings. "I'm disappointed. We got to pump up our offense, and eliminate our mistakes on defense. This league is much too tough for us to play the way we did in our opener."

Cummings will launch his second season in the Western Lakes Conference as Salem's head coach on Friday against a much-improved Livonia Churchill team. The Chargers won their opener, 14-7, at the expense of Bishop Foley.

"They are a much improved ball club over last year's team," Cummings said of Churchill. "We scouted them (Churchill) against Bishop Foley, and they showed us that they can be tough."

Held scoreless the first two quarters at South Lyon, Salem managed to get on the scoreboard against South Lyon with 3:26 left in the third quarter. The Rocks' senior running back Matt Trublowski capped a mid-field drive with an off-tackle, three-yard touchdown run. With Tom Enright's point-after, the Rocks cut South Lyon's lead to 14-7.

But the third quarter TD was to be Salem's only score of the evening. South Lyon got the touchdown back midway in the fourth quarter to seal the victory.

One of the bright spots in Salem's offense was the efforts put forth by junior Chris Drabicki. Drabicki was handed the ball 12 times and rushed for a total of 47 yards.

Friday night's encounter with Churchill will open the home phase of the Salem season.

"We expect more from this team," Cummings said. "And I believe once they gain confidence in themselves, we're going to win some games."

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As we recognize the one-year anniversary of the tragic terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., we are reminded of how truly precious our freedom is and how important it is to defend our ideals as a nation. As Americans, we must continue to be vigilant against intolerance and hate wherever it occurs. After all, our best defense against terrorism is the solidarity and strength of our communities. By living with our eyes, ears and hearts open, we can all do our part to defend America and the freedom we cherish.

On this sad day, our deepest sympathies and prayers remain with the victims and their loved ones.

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